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War on 'greedy' drugs firms

David Hencke and Sarah Bosley

THE Government is facing a head-on collision with the multi-national drug companies by deciding to scrap the voluntary agreement on the amounts the companies can charge the NHS for medicines and forcing them to peg prices through legally binding contracts.

The move, to be announced in the Queen's Speech on November 24, follows revelations in the Guardian that some companies have been openly flouting the present deal, adding millions of pounds to NHS bills. Ministers are furious that pharmaceutical giants who are party to the voluntary scheme have sold on their drug rights to smaller firms, who hike prices to the NHS by as much as 2,000 per cent.

The decision to tear up the Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme (PPRS) will cause uproar within the drug industry. The scheme, which has been in existence for 41 years, has allowed companies to charge what they like for new drugs in acknowledgment of their investment in research — as long as the total does not breach a profits ceiling set by the Govern-

ment. Even so, the UK's drugs bill is now estimated at over £6 billion a year. The companies have done well out of it. As well as making substantial profits, they have been able to use the NHS as a showcase for new medicines that are then sold throughout the £180 billion global market.

But ministers consider that the drug companies' greed has wrecked the cosy arrangement that used to be secret and is still negotiated behind closed doors. Big companies have been passing on cheap drugs that they continue to manufacture to smaller firms, which have hiked the price to the NHS without the permission of the Department of Health, in defiance of the voluntary agreement.

The big companies are paid by the smaller companies and are at the same time able to increase the profits they are allowed to make out of the NHS from new drugs. The Government will now legislate to outlaw this practice. The decision will come as a shock to the drug companies who have been employing lobbyists in a bid to influence ministers during the renegotiation of the PPRS which is currently taking place. A confidential memorandum from one of these lobbying firms reveals attempts

to get access to the Health Secretary, Frank Dobson, and the Prime Minister. But the drug industry has underestimated ministers' disenchantment with the scheme and what is perceived as the greed of some companies. Hard on the heels of the price hikes came the Viagra furore.

Pfizer, the manufacturer, has dropped its initial demand of £10 a tablet to £4.84, but has publicly said it will go no lower in spite of the £50-150 million that prescriptions could cost the health service. The proposed NHS bill this autumn will be used to make these changes, and close any loopholes exposed by a review of the system.



Camilla Carr and Jon James talking to journalists in Moscow yesterday. 'There's been anger and a lot of grief, but we've survived it' PHOTOGRAPH BY PETER DELONG

At last, sun shines on freed hostages

James Meek in Moscow

JON James and Camilla Carr emerged into the sun from 14 months of darkness and fear yesterday, stunned by the joy of sudden, glorious liberation after captivity at the hands of a war-ravaged mountain people they tried to help.

Throughout the time the British hostages were held in the rebel Russian region of Chechnya, their kidnappers let them speak only in whispers. It was in a clear, glad voice that Ms Carr spoke in Moscow yesterday after alighting with her partner from the private jet of the Russian tycoon who helped free them.

"It's so wonderful to be out," she said. "I just want to thank everyone who's been involved in helping us to obtain our freedom again, to see the sky and the trees, to be with our beloved family and friends."

Ms Carr, from Ross-on-Wye, and Mr James, from Lydney in Gloucestershire, were seized in the Chechen capital, Grozny, by six masked men in July last year, becoming the latest of scores of hostages to have been stolen for ransom by desperate, unemployed veterans of Chechnya's war with Russia.

The couple were working for a Quaker-backed charity, providing play therapy for children traumatised by the war. Mr James hinted that he and Ms Carr had at times been badly treated by their captors. Asked what had been the hardest aspect of captivity, he said: "The guys we were with..."

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Blair to call for reform of financial institutions

Nicholas Watt

TONY Blair will today appeal to the developed world to carry out the most far-reaching reforms of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund since they were founded more than 50 years ago.

Standing in the heart of Wall Street, the Prime Minister will declare that the world's financial institutions must be strengthened to cope with the economic crises in Russia and the Far East. The IMF and the World Bank were established in a different era, when there were fixed exchange rates, capital controls and the flow of capital was much smaller.

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The Clinton crisis

"As it comes in, it will go out. We are deeply relieved we don't have to deal with this on Saturday, while America's schoolchildren are watching TV." **Brit Hume, Fox channel**

Lynch-mob usurps sense and mercy

COMMENTARY: We are all shamed, says **Martin Kettle**, by the smut-driven culture that feeds on humiliation by video

WHETHER we watch or look away when today's video is shown, we are already shamed witnesses to a process of truly desperate significance.

This hinges, in its political dimension, on the fact that in the hearts of many Republicans, Bill Clinton remains an illegitimate president.

They express this in forms that range from the unrelenting legalism of the current pursuit of Mr Clinton over sex and lies in the Monica Lewinsky affair, to the outer shores of the rightwing conspiracy mania where Mr Clinton is cast as a multiple murderer and international drug baron.

To this breed of Republican, Mr Clinton's supreme crime is to have won the presidency, and then defended it successfully in an era in which the radical right that increasingly dominated the Republican Party believed with absolute fervour that tomorrow belonged to them — and certainly not to a promiscuous, draft-dodging, pot-smoking, black-baiting liberal political opportunist from Arkansas.

The conservative right believed, and still believes, that the true president of the United States is Ronald Reagan. They cannot forgive Mr Clinton for snatching away the sacred sanctum, the Oval Office, from Reagan's successor George Bush, and for then seeking to unpick, repack and tarnish the legacy of a man whose standing in the American right is far stronger today than Margaret Thatcher's is in the shattered ranks of the British right.

In this context, the fact that President Clinton may have had oral sex with a 21-year-old intern in that same Oval Office adds insult to injury. But it is the original injury that is driving the present, highly political, process — the sense of outrage that Mr Clinton should have won the presidency at all, and then have defended it successfully when Newt Gingrich's revolu-

tion of 1994 overreached itself by shutting down the federal government.

If this seems far-fetched, Friday's remarks in Washington by the Christian Coalition founder, Pat Robertson, are among those testifying to what is firing the right's wish to win its battle with Mr Clinton at last, by impeaching him and driving him from the White House.

A president sits in the White House as the tenant of the American people, thundered Mr Robertson, but "this occupant's lease has expired". He must be driven out, not merely forced to resign, because "the people demand it".

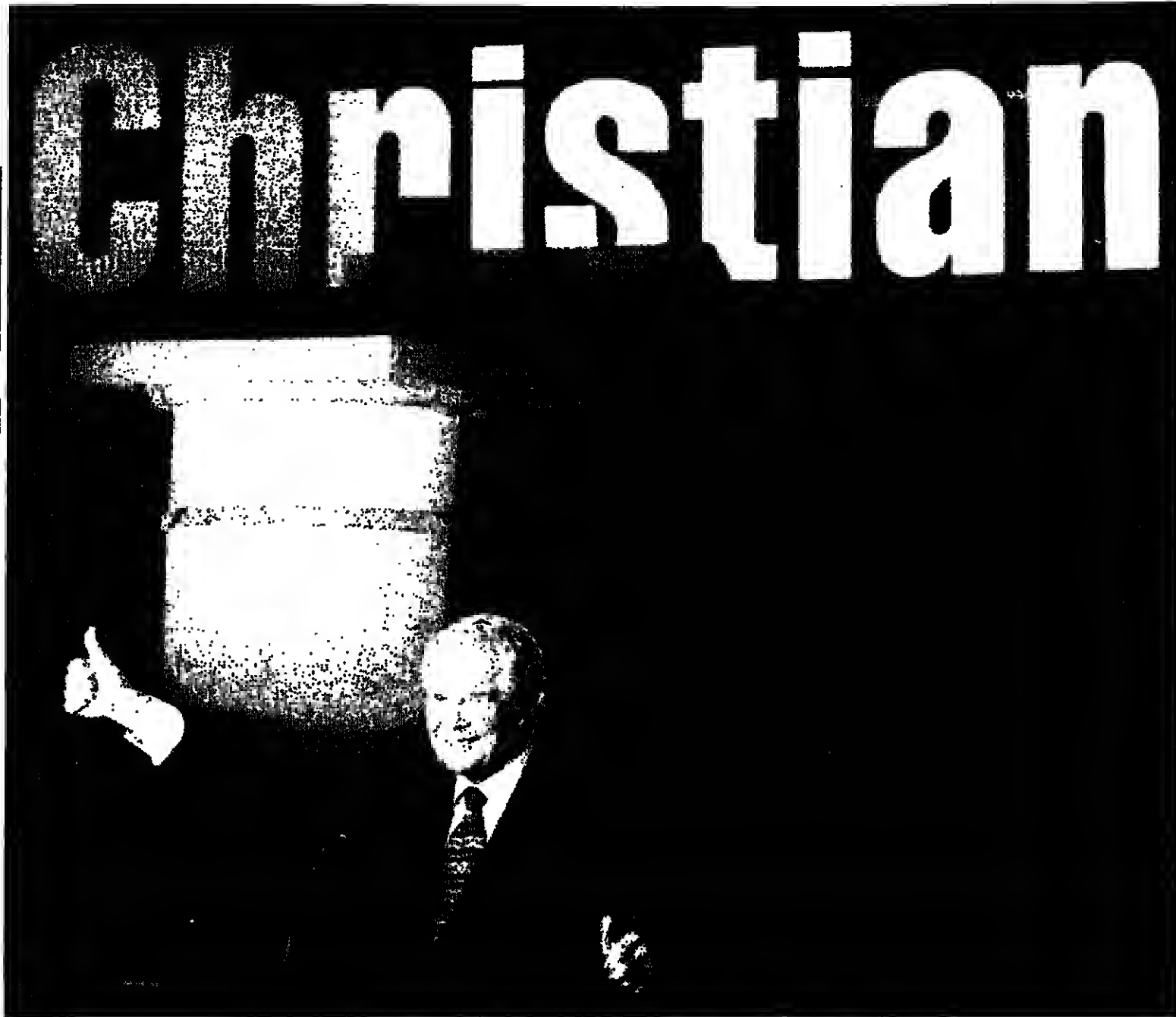
Except that the people don't. The people voted for Mr Clinton twice. They consistently tell the pollsters that they want him to remain in the White House, not to be driven from it. What Mr Robertson speaks is the language of leaders of *coups d'état* throughout history.

But as Mr Robertson and several other speakers at last week's Christian Coalition rally made clear, they deem Mr Clinton guilty of other crimes, too, and these go wider.

There is a palpable sense on the right that this president must be driven out as an act of cultural vengeance — not just for the 1992 and 1996 elections but for feminism, for abortion, for affirmative action, for rock'n'roll, for the triumph of the anti-war movement over Vietnam, for irreligion, and for everything bound up in the cultural revolution of the conservative right's ultimate hate word — the Sixties.

Today's Clinton videotape will be culturally climactic, but maybe not in the sense the Sixties-haters intend. For all its banality, this will be an epic moment in the long siege of public life by the media-dominated popular culture of the age. No public figure in human history has ever been subjected to what Mr Clinton is about to face.

It is the most global humiliation anyone of historical importance has ever had to suf-



The right's Pat Robertson declaring in Washington that resignation was too good for a 'debauched and debased' president. PHOTOGRAPH: ROBERTO BOREA

fer. The most powerful elected person on the planet — a man who, whatever his disastrous personal failings, is meant to be the supreme embodiment of the democratic ideal — is about to become the supreme victim of the unrelenting smut-driven popular culture of the age.

Mr Clinton may remain

president of the United States after the airing of the videotape today. But what will the presidency then be worth? Public life in the world which the United States leads, public institutions in this most successfully idealistic nation in human history, and the capacity of human reason to achieve a stable relationship

with the insistent demands of the television age are all at risk.

Mr Clinton's former labour secretary, Robert Reich, wrote recently that the presidency has become a Jerry Springer Show — a gruesome televised confession. In a nutshell, that is what is happening today.

Denied by the popular will in two elections, the Republican Party has thrown the presidency — the institution as well as Mr Clinton — to the jury of the television audience and the unelected pundits and personalities of the media world.

This would not be happening in this merciless and in-

trusive form if Mr Clinton were accused of a political crime, however serious. It is the culmination of the process in which the demotic triumphs over the democratic, a process that is integral to modern politics in Britain as in the United States — though fortunately not as widespread elsewhere.

For the far right . . . to remove Clinton will be revenge for ousting Nixon, for feminism, for abortion, for affirmative action, for rock'n'roll, for the triumph of the anti-war movement over Vietnam, for irreligion, and for everything that is bound up in the cultural revolution of the right's ultimate iconic hate word — the Sixties

Wall-to-wall and head-to-head

MEDIA: Networks exercise caution over 'X-rated' material, but cable channels go for broke

Mark Tran in Washington

A MULTIMEDIA event of mammoth proportions unfolds today with release of a four-hour video of Bill Clinton's grand jury testimony and 2,800 pages of documents from the independent prosecutor, Kenneth Starr.

The three major TV networks — ABC, CBS and NBC — plan special reports around the 9am (local time) release.

Never before has grand jury testimony by a president, or anyone else for that matter, been broadcast on television.

Those with the time and the inclination can watch the totally unexpurgated version on several cable networks: CNN, Fox News Channel, MSNBC and C-Span.

These four cable networks will go with wall-to-wall Clinton testimony without interruptions the moment it arrives over fibre-optic cables from a broadcast booth on the third floor of the Rayburn House office building.

"As it comes in, it will go out," said Brit Hume, Fox's Washington managing editor

and a former White House correspondent for ABC.

The cable channel will transmit the video with any timed delay to edit out objectionable material, but it will place warnings on the screen that some may find the testimony troubling.

"We are deeply relieved we don't have to deal with this on Saturday, while America's schoolchildren are watching TV," said Mr Hume.

CNN, Rupert Murdoch's Fox News Channel, and MSNBC — a joint venture between Microsoft and NBC — are locked in a fierce battle for viewers in the field of 24-hour news, while C-Span is the public affairs network that broadcasts Capitol Hill proceedings live.

MSNBC yesterday was advertising its coming blanket coverage on CNN.

The established broadcast networks have chosen not to go live with "X-rated" material. They plan to break sporadically into their special reports with extracts from Mr Clinton's testimony.

ABC plans to broadcast Mr Clinton's opening statement to the grand jury, in which he



Clinton testimony en route to the printing office

admitted to an "inappropriate" relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

"Then we can come back into his testimony as the news warrants," said network official Su-Lin Cheng. At CBS, the network will run disclaimers warning of sexual material or may turn the sound down or cut to a correspondent if the testimony gets too raw.

Ardent technophiles may watch Mr Clinton's video on the Internet, where more than a million people are expected to tune in during the day, although the video signals will arrive on computer screens as small grainy images.

CNN Interactive, with more multimedia firepower than most sites, signed agreements with several outside firms to boost its video capacity for today.

As if the video is not enough, 2,800 pages of material — some of it sexually graphic — will be disseminated on the Internet and at the Government Printing Office bookstore in Washington. These form the appendix to the Starr report and furnish detailed information to back up his contention of "substantial and credible" material to impeach the president.

The decision to release information described as even more sexually graphic than the report itself came after an acrimonious vote in the House Judiciary Committee last Friday.

The Government Printing Office worked overtime over the weekend to print up thousands of bound copies of the appendix. The office normally handles worthy documents like the US budget, which runs into several thousands of pages.

But never before has it had to deal with such seamy material or with a rush job on such a scale.

"Talk about information overload," said White House spokesman James Kennedy. "This will be the mother of all document dumps."

Quietly playing the Chelsea card

FAMILY ASSETS: Though the 'first daughter' is a media no-go area, she does have her uses

Martin Kettle in Washington

IF THE White House crisis were taking place in Britain, Chelsea Clinton would be permanently staked out by paparazzi and her every movement and overheard comment would be publicly parsed for clues to the all-consuming story.

Not in the United States, where the president's only child is a no-go area for the nation's media. As the 18-year-old begins her second year as an undergraduate at Stanford University in California, she is allowed to live a normal snoop-free life. Or as normal as a 24-hour secret service guard will allow.

While Hillary Clinton continues to live her married life in the full glare of publicity, her every public appearance attracting a large posse of press hanging on every word and gesture, her daughter's life seems remarkably private and unaffected thanks to an unwritten agreement between the media and the White House.

The only glimpse into her possible role in the current crisis came the day after the president taped the grand-jury testimony that is about to be viewed around the world. The next morning, August 18, Chelsea Clinton conspicuously held her parents together as they walked out of the White House to the helicopter waiting on the South Lawn to take the battered family to a secluded holiday on the island of Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts.

When they arrived in Martha's Vineyard a couple of hours later, Chelsea lingered longer than usual in front of the cameras, shaking hands with party loyalists and providing a rare instance of the normally forbidden "Chelsea card".

Opinion polls show that Chelsea Clinton is popular with the American public in a way her father cannot rival. People feel sorry for her, admire her for her apparent optimism and her young adult dignity. As with Prince William in



Chelsea Clinton: has a non-speaking part in the drama

Britain, the public projects no to the next generation a hope that Chelsea is a better person with a less troubled life than her parents'.

Though Chelsea never makes public speeches, there are signs that she plays an important role in reconciling her parents. "I love my dad. I understand. I can cope," she was reported to have said as the president began in August to confess privately, then publicly, to a more truthful version of his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

According to the Rev Jesse Jackson, who gave that quote to Newsweek magazine a few days later, Chelsea rang him from the White House late in the evening of Saturday, August 15, when Mr Clinton is said to have imparted more of the details in his wife. Chelsea urged Mr Jackson to come to give spiritual guidance to the family.

All three Clintons were together in this private room of the White House, where they prayed and hugged one another under Mr Jackson's guidance, as he told prime-time television two days later.

Having Mr Jackson as an interloper allows the White House to play the Chelsea card at one remove, in critical moments.

In the early days of the Lewinsky scandal back in January, the Clintons asked Mr Jackson to counsel their daughter. This enabled Mr Jackson to go on NBC television to pronounce the family "n-boat" and Chelsea "devoted to her father and so close to her mother" and to tell Associated Press about Chelsea's "inner strength and maturity".

Nobody knows whether Chelsea Clinton will watch her father's torment on video today — or if they do know, they are not saying. But it will take more than the Chelsea card to get Mr Clinton off the hook.

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The Clinton crisis

Coffee, muffins and TV sex video verdicts

TV JURY: Nation waits to read Clinton's manner and weigh his words as political allies fall away.
Julian Borger reports

MARJORIE Kenner is going to turn her television on good and early this morning. She will have her Kentucky friends and neighbours round for coffee and muffins, and then they will sit down together to watch their president wriggle on the twisted hook of his own sex life.

"Rush says it will make all the difference. Just to see what he looks like when he's talking about all that stuff," Mrs Kenner said. The words of Rush Limbaugh, US radio's siren voice of the far right, counts for a lot in Williams-town, a farming community set among rolling bluegrass pastures and tobacco fields near the very huckle of the bible belt.

In this case, Rush was preaching to the converted. Mrs Kenner had long ago measured the depth of Bill Clinton's disgrace and decided against him. She had even come to a Saturday

night fund-raiser for Gex Williams, the Republican congressional candidate in November's mid-term elections, a fanatical anti-abortionist who has his wife teach their children at home rather than send them to a "godless" state school.

It is a box-supper fund-raiser, in which activists prepare meals of fried chicken, ribs and cornbread, and auction them off to one another at charitably inflated prices. But only a dozen locals bothered to make the journey on this steamy September evening to the Farm Bureau building on the edge of town.

When Gex (this peculiarly Kentucky name is pronounced Jay) Williams arrived, he was clearly mortified by the turnout, and his silent anger glowed through his perfunctory show of backslapping. His campaign has so far failed to take off, amid perceptions of extremism and allegations of impropriety. Mr Williams, hitherto a



President Clinton and his wife Hillary arriving for a service at the Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington yesterday. PHOTOGRAPH: MARK WILSON

state senator, is under investigation for a controversial land deal last year and had claimed in his campaign literature to have graduated from a naval academy, which he had in fact only briefly and unsuccessfully attended.

He denies any wrongdoing and is not keen to linger on these issues, preferring instead to go to what he sees as the heart of the campaign. "I'm pro-gun and pro-life, and my opponent is just acting like he is," he said.

Right up until Monica Lewinsky handed over her

DNA-stained dress to the FBI, the Democrats had expected to wrest this northern Kentucky seat, the state's fourth district, back from the Republicans.

The farmers have long been squeezed by the president's anti-tobacco policies, but affluence from the Clintonian boom is now spilling south across the Ohio river from Cincinnati in the form of hi-tech industry and suburbs, bringing city Democrats with it.

"In the fourth district, there was an expectation that

the Democrats would have a shot because Williams is seen so extreme," said Al Cross, a political writer on the Courier-Journal in Louisville. "But there is now clearly some likelihood the Democratic vote will be depressed."

The Democratic candidate, Ken Lucas, has done all he can to limit the damage by distancing himself from Mr Clinton. When the president came to north Kentucky on Thursday, Mr Lucas and his team did not even show up to meet him. There were so few Democrats there that a no-

hope candidate from the other end of the state got to ride in the presidential limousine, so that Mr Clinton would not appear totally isolated.

At a Young Democrats meeting in Covington on Saturday, Mr Lucas put even more moral space between himself and the president. Making himself comfortable in a wicker armchair on the porch of a 19th-century Kentucky mansion, he said: "As a father of five children and as a husband, I was very disappointed in the actions of the president. And I think if the

president is found guilty, he should go."

In the antique-filled meeting room, the speeches were packed with back-to-the-wall calls to action. Wendell Ford, a veteran senator who presided over Mr Clinton's first inauguration, cried to his audience: "Right now is not the time to give up. If you stay home [on polling day] you're not going to get a damn thing."

Glenn McEntyre, a bright-eyed Young Democrat, declared: "Independent of scandal, independent of one man,

"To piss away all you've achieved, over sex," he said, spitting out the last word with considerable venom.

Glenn McEntyre, local Democrat

even if it is the president, it's about passion, ideals and commitment." But out in the smoke-filled room (nicotine addiction is seen as a patriotic duty in Kentucky) it was also about embarrassment. The activists all complained of the humiliation of trying to talk policy to voters wearing half-smiles as their minds wander inexorably towards oral sex.

In private, Mr McEntyre — formerly a Clinton true-believer — is burning with anger. "To piss away all you've achieved, over sex," he said, spitting out the last word with venom.

He said he hoped for a backlash against the Republicans after the president's testimony is screened today, but after a few minutes of defiant optimism, his spirits flagged once more. "It's got to hurt us," he said. "I'm passionate about politics and it puts me off. Think about Joe Sixpack, who never really cared that much one way or another. How are we going to tell him to come out and vote?"

The Democrats need an 11-seat swing to regain control of the House of Representatives. If the vote swings the other way, Mr McEntyre said, the time would be right for senior Democrats to walk into the Oval Office and demand the president's departure before he sinks the party. But he was unsure whether the president could be persuaded. "That will be the real moment of truth," he said.

Republicans' high-risk gamble on turning tide of opinion polls

PUBLIC MOOD: President's job approval ratings continue to be solid at around 60pc

Martin Kettle in Washington

ON CAPITOL Hill, the Republican Party leadership judges that release of the Clinton video will start to drive the president's high poll ratings downwards, paving the way for an impeachment inquiry and the eventual departure of Bill Clinton from the White House.

There was some encouragement for the Republicans yesterday when a Newsweek poll showed 46 per cent of Americans think Mr Clinton should consider resigning, up from 37 per cent in the week after Mr Clinton gave the testimony that the public will finally see today.

Support for an impeachment inquiry was significantly up too, from 24 per cent to 41 per cent over the same period, although in both cases a majority of Americans are still opposed to both moves.

Since the object of today's release is to break the back of Mr Clinton's poll ratings, this

early movement, even before the public has seen the video, gives some real encouragement to the president's opponents.

Nevertheless, the Republicans know that they are treading a fine line in pursuing a strategy which is increasingly seen as aggressive towards Mr Clinton. The post-video polling will therefore be scanned with attention and excitement since all sides know that it could hold the key to the president's hold on office.

The Republicans are playing a high stakes game with public opinion. The release of the video is opposed by 87 per cent of Americans, a poll found last week, while Mr Clinton's job approval ratings continue to be strong and solid at around 60 per cent. Most voters see no reason to drive their president out of office.

The White House is hoping that these numbers indicate a sufficient depth of support for Mr Clinton for the video release on Capitol Hill to have the opposite effect to that intended by its authors. Yesterday the White House deputy



Newt Gingrich: memories of a prior miscalculation

chief of staff, John Podesta, forecast that the public "may end up questioning the motivation" of the release.

Though most Republicans support the release, there have been some signs of nervousness about the impact of what Mr Podesta called "not a document dump but a garbage dump".

In last week's House of Representatives judiciary committee voting on whether to release the most explicit of the material provided to the committee by the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, on September 9, only six

Republicans voted for release, while the majority even joined with their Democratic opponents in keeping some items under wraps.

In Thursday's Republican caucus meeting last week, Congresswoman Nancy Johnson said that the party could pay a political price for releasing sexually explicit material on the airwaves after fighting for so long in favour of tighter controls including the "V-chip" censorship button.

Most Republicans were undeterred, but many recognise that the public response could cut either way.

Looking in the back of minds on both sides is the memory of the congressional Republicans' most costly miscalculation about American public opinion. In November 1995 Speaker Newt Gingrich led his Republican majority into a budgetary confrontation with Mr Clinton that led to the shutting down of the whole federal government for more than a month.

Far from inspiring opinion against Mr Clinton, as Mr Gingrich had intended, the government shutdown was soon seen as an over-reaching piece of partisan politics.

Mr Clinton's popularity recovered spectacularly. Mr Gingrich and his lieutenants are anxious to avoid making the same mistake twice.

Clinton faces day of judgment

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poll in which only 28 per cent called for Mr Clinton to resign. A majority of Americans remain opposed to resignation or impeachment, and 58 per cent still give Mr Clinton a positive job approval rating — but any substantial fall in his ratings in coming days is likely to spur Republicans to press ahead with an impeachment inquiry on Capitol Hill.

Addressing black Americans at the weekend, Mr Clinton told one of his staunchest groups of supporters: "I want to thank you for standing up for me and understanding the true meaning of repentance and redemption."

As Washington awaited the impact of today's releases, a

leading fellow Democrat said Mr Clinton should take the initiative and appear before the judiciary committee "rapidly" to try to bring the crisis to an end within weeks.

"The nation is being ill-served by this political water torture that is taking place in a highly calculated, highly partisan way," said Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts, who favours a censure motion on the president.

But a powerful rightwing Republican congressman, Tom Delay of Texas, said that censure was not enough. "Anyone who's talking about censure believes in the rule of man, not the rule of law," he said.

Yesterday's New York

Times reported that lawyers familiar with the August 17 testimony say that Mr Clinton will begin with a formal statement admitting "inappropriate intimate contact" with Ms Lewinsky, as well as "inappropriate sexual banter" by telephone.

Mr Clinton says: "When I was alone with Ms Lewinsky on certain occasions in early 1996 and once in early 1997, I engaged in conduct that was wrong. These encounters did not consist of sexual intercourse; they did not constitute 'sexual relations' as I understood that term to be defined ... but they did involve inappropriate contact."

In one of a series of exchanges in which Mr Clinton

expresses concern for Ms Lewinsky, he thanks Mr Starr for giving her immunity from prosecution. "It breaks my heart that she was involved in this," Mr Clinton says.

In a more heated exchange, Mr Clinton rebukes Mr Starr's prosecutors for giving Ms Lewinsky heavy treatment. "Monica was kept by five of your lawyers and five of your FBI agents."

In a third passage concerning his efforts to help Ms Lewinsky find a job, Mr Clinton says: "I wanted to help her get on with her life." If he had been trying to conspire to win her silence, he says, he could have given her a job in the White House, which he did not do.

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Royal tour



The Queen leaving for Brunei airport yesterday to fly to Kuala Lumpur, where sacked minister Anwar Ibrahim (right) addressed 30,000 supporters, who later demanded the prime minister's resignation



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Troops guard Queen amid rioting

Nick Hopkins
in Kuala Lumpur

TROOPS last night were guarding the residential complex where the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are staying during their tour of South East Asia after rioting broke out in Kuala Lumpur.

More than 30,000 protesters took to the streets calling for the resignation of the Malaysian Prime Minister, Mahathir Mohamad, and fought running battles with police.

Tear gas and water cannons were used against the demonstrators, and according to one report the government ordered extra troops to stand outside the Queen's residence in case violence spilled over.

Although the rioters have no quarrel with the Queen, it is feared that if disturbances continue the Foreign Office and Buckingham Palace will consider cutting short the

second leg of the tour. The Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, yesterday cancelled his plan to fly to New York tonight for a meeting of the United Nations General Assembly after consulting advisers. "Mr Cook's priority is to be with the Queen," said his spokesman. "It is the right place to be."

The Queen's press secretary, Geoff Crawford, said her

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itinerary had not changed and she intended to be at the Commonwealth Games closing ceremony this evening. "It's a political matter. We would act on the advice of ministers."

Despite the official line, the deteriorating political situation is causing concern. The riots were the culmination of a feud between Dr

Mahathir and Anwar Ibrahim, former deputy prime minister, who was sacked in disgrace three weeks ago after being accused of sodomising his adopted brother, Sukma Darmawan Sasmitaat Madja, and a Pakistani friend, Munawar Ahmad Anees. Both were jailed for six months on Saturday after pleading guilty to allowing themselves to be violated by him.

Mr Anwar, Malaysia's most popular politician, vehemently denied the allegations and claimed that the scandal was part of a conspiracy orchestrated by an envious prime minister hell bent on destroying his credibility.

He believes the jailed men were forced to confess to incidents that never happened. He has since been campaign-

ing to oust Dr Mahathir from office with a self-styled Reformasi (Reform) movement.

Yesterday, Mr Anwar's followers tried to organise a rally in the city centre, but police sealed off Merdeka Square, where the Queen and Duke were attending a service at St Mary's Cathedral. The protesters returned when the royal party had moved on.

Dr Mahathir was provoked into acting last night when thousands of demonstrators converged on his official house and called for him to go. Within an hour, 100 riot police were sent to Mr Anwar's home. He and his wife, Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, were arrested on suspicion of indecent conduct.

As word spread of the arrest, crowds gathered again at Dr Mahathir's home and began pitch battles with police.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir said his rival was a "desperate man" and his movement a "minor distraction."

Duchess flies to Argentina after mother killed in crash

Sarah Hall and Nick Hopkins

THE Duchess of York last night flew to Argentina after learning that her mother, Susan Barrantes, had been killed in a car crash.

The news was broken to the duchess at the Italian home of her friend Count Caddo della Chieradessa, where she had been staying with her daughter Eugenie, aged eight. She returned to the UK after phoning to tell her father, Major Ronald Ferguson, of the death and then travelled to Buenos Aires alone.

Mrs Barrantes, aged 62, died when her Rover car collided head-on with another vehicle near her El Pucara



The duchess with her mother in Buenos Aires last year

ranch, 350 miles west of Buenos Aires, early yesterday. Police said she had been decapitated.

Her nephew, Rafael Barrantes, aged 25, who was in the car with her, survived the crash and was treated in hospital for shock.

Mrs Barrantes had lived in

Argentina for 25 years after splitting up with Major Ferguson. She married the Argentinian professional polo player Hector Barrantes, who died of cancer aged 51 in 1980. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, who were told of her death shortly after arriving in Kuala Lumpur for the

second leg of the royal trip to South East Asia, said they were "shocked and very saddened at the news".

The Queen's press secretary, Geoffrey Crawford, added: "I am sure that they will be in touch as soon as they can with the duchess, her family and the Duke of York." It is not known if Prince Andrew and Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie will fly out for the funeral.

Major Ferguson, who remained in contact with his former wife, said he was "deeply shocked and extremely upset". Speaking from his home near Basingstoke, Hampshire, he added: "I feel sorry for my two daughters and the rest of Susan's family."

The Duchess will be joined in Buenos Aires by her sister, Jane Lueddecke, who is flying from her home in Australia. Their mother will be buried beside her husband's grave at El Pucara.

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Meacher promises access law

Peter Hetherington

MICHAEL Meacher, the Environment Minister, yesterday joined hundreds of activists in the Pennine town of Todmorden to pledge that the Government was determined to force through change to guarantee a right to roam — with legislation if necessary.

Thousands attended rallies and mass walks organised by the Ramblers' Association, from Dartmoor and Exmoor to Lakeland and Northumber-

land. Mr Meacher took the train to Todmorden to address the main rally of the day in a school hall.

To loud applause, the minister said the Government was committed to extending access. "We are not talking about incremental change. We are talking about a major change and we are going to deliver it. No one should have any doubt about that."

Landowners had been given two years to develop voluntary access agreements with walkers. "We've just had a consultation process and got

2,000 responses," Mr Meacher said. "We're still analysing that and I hope to make a statement before the end of the year."

He was unhappy with progress made on a voluntary basis since access legislation — creating national parks and a network of footpaths — was approved almost 50 years ago. "On our best estimate around 100,000 acres have been added voluntarily in that time, and we're talking about increasing access to something like 3 million acres. If we were to carry on

at this rate it would take 1,000 years to reach this figure."

The Ramblers' Association claimed yesterday that the Country Landowners' Association is trying to "con" the Government. It has produced a register of land "voluntarily" opened up. It includes fields in Devon and Somerset used only for foxhunting, a barn in Lincolnshire used for community functions, and gardens in West Sussex which can only be entered on payment of a fee. Pick-your-own fruit farms and caravan sites are also listed.

Family clue to Parkinson's disease

Sarah Besley
Health Correspondent

RESearchers working on Parkinson's disease have discovered a family with victims in three generations, and genealogists are now trying to trace distant relatives to help determine the cause of the affliction.

Match genetic material from

related sufferers of Parkinson's and maybe discover chemical clues to the cause of the disease which can cause severe tremors or rigidity.

Nobody knows whether heredity or environment are more significant in the onset of Parkinson's, but most effort so far has gone into the environmental side. Some families have more than one sufferer, but it is highly unusual for the disease to afflict successive generations.

The key family in the research of Dr Khan's group has its origins in Lincoln-

shire. "Three generations are affected and we think a fourth," she said.

The scientists can look back for confirmed cases as far as 1817, when James Parkinson, after whom the disease is named, wrote about "the shaking palsy". But they have employed genealogists to trace the family back to the 16th century in Lincolnshire to find the whereabouts of the post-1800 descendants. So far, family members have been found in Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Birmingham, Stoke-on-Trent and Essex.

Dr Khan said: "This family is not responsible for Parkinson's disease in the UK. There are many environmental factors along with a genetic disposition." The research, however, may help explain why the disease skips some generations and afflicts only some family members.

The Parkinson's Disease Society is backing the research with a £200,000 grant. In the UK, 120,000 have the disease, but if families and carers are included, 1 million people live with the problems it causes.

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Hostage release

Captives must re-learn how to be free

Amelia Gentleman on the struggle to adapt after months of imprisonment

AFTER 14 traumatic months spent in captivity, Jon James and Camilla Carr have finally emerged blinking into the glaring limelight of freedom. Yesterday they saw sunlight for the first time since last December and were getting used to using their voices at full volume once again after months of speaking in whispers. Today they begin the difficult process of coming to terms with their experiences and readjusting to life as they once knew it.

Their families are acutely aware that returning home could prove to be a new, entirely different ordeal for the couple. On a practical level, the Foreign Office will do what it can to help; it has well-established procedures for debriefing former hostages. Mr Carr and Mr James were examined by doctors in Moscow last night and will have medical and psychological support available to them in Britain if they want it.

But even with this help available the first few weeks are likely to be extremely disorientating. John McCarthy, who was released in 1991 after 1,943 days in captivity in Beirut, has not forgotten the strangeness of his homecoming.

"It was, I think, the most extraordinary day of my life. I felt completely ecstatic but also strangely calm. The



Camilla Carr and Jon James, above, probably face a difficult time, according to John McCarthy, who was a hostage in Lebanon

PHOTOGRAPH BY BBC TV

This advice is echoed by Helen Rumber, director of the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture, north London, which offers help to former hostages, as well as to refugees and victims of terrorism.

"Very often they need time alone to reacquire themselves with their old lives. It can take months before the experience has an effect on them — people may experience depression, flashbacks, panic attacks, or most likely a sense of isolation from everyone who has not shared the intense experience with them. Some people remain

relatively unaffected."

She warned that the couple's families should not expect things to return to normal immediately. "The fear that someone may kill you or that you may never be

moving press conference just after his own release.

"We often thought about how we could relate to one another what we had been thinking... The tiny, tiny cells, the constant blindfolds, the

'More than anything else, both of them are desperate to see their children'

released is a terrifying one."

Brian Keenan, who spent 1,597 days in captivity, many of them alongside Mr McCarthy, described the full horror of his own experience in a

longed days in the dark, sometimes weeks without light create times of insanity which drives men deep, deep into themselves. One begins to look at other people with

strange, mistrustful apprehension."

He added: "Hostage is a crucifying loneliness. There's a silent, screaming slide into the bowels of ultimate despair... Hostage is a mutant creation filled with fear, self-loathing, guilt and death-wishing."

But, several years on, both men have managed to regain hold of their post-hostage lives. Mr McCarthy explained: "No longer think of myself as 'John McCarthy the former hostage'. I'm getting on with my life. There was a moment about a year ago when I noticed I was feel-

ing much, much better. Brian said he had a similar feeling, and for both of us it came when we had been free for the same amount of time that we had been in captivity."

Camilla Carr's sister, Alexandra, was confident yesterday that the pair would be able to cope with the pressures involved.

"More than anything else, both of them are desperate to see their children," she said. "It will be a stressful time for Camilla, but she's a strong person. I'll think she'll cope. They'll both need time to themselves. We are going to respect that."

Region where kidnap is lore of land

James Meek in Moscow

JON James and Camilla Carr's hostage ordeal began in one of Russia's most notorious, enigmatic regions, Chechnya, and ended through the office of one of its most notorious, enigmatic businessmen, Boris Berezovsky.

In a part of the world where kidnapping is itself a traditional form of business, the question now hangs in the air — did Mr Berezovsky pay a ransom for the two Britons? And if so, what did he hope to receive in return?

The released couple flew back to Moscow on the billionaire's Tupolev 134 passenger jet. The tycoon was on board the plane. But Mr Berezovsky had little to say as he passed through the private terminal building at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport. Asked repeatedly if he had paid a ransom for the release, he said: "No."

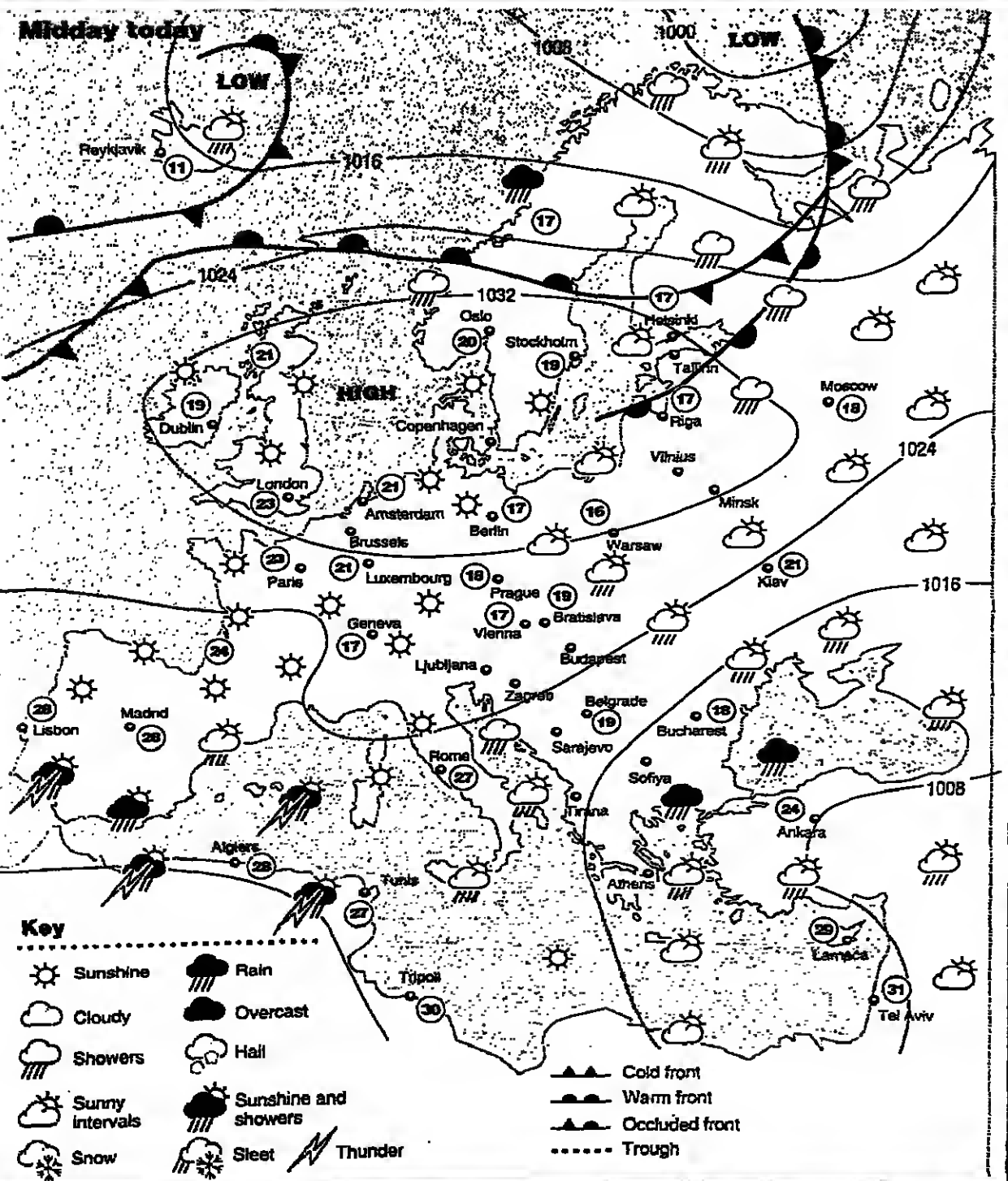
The British ambassador to Moscow, Sir Andrew Wood, who was waiting for the aircraft to arrive, said: "We certainly paid nothing."

Mr Berezovsky has ties with the West and Chechnya. His daughters studied at Cambridge, and he recently joined forces with Rupert Murdoch's News International on a joint television communications enterprise. He first came into contact with the Chechens as deputy secretary of the presidential security council, when he gained the trust of key figures, such as Chechen leader Aslan Maskhadov and senior government official Mikhail Jibladov.

Though there will always be cynics ready to accuse all levels of the Chechen leadership of involvement in the kidnapping racket, the presence of the two kidnapped Britons on Chechen territory is a major embarrassment to Mr Maskhadov.

But kidnapping for ransom has played a part in Chechen. Some Chechen mothers still sing old lullabies to their children about how they will kidnap a fat Russian Cossack and become rich.

The weather in Europe



European outlook

Scandinavia: Rain across much of Norway. Northern Sweden will see rain close to sunny spells and scattered showers but southern Sweden and Denmark will be dry with sunny spells. Finland will have a spell of rain. Max temps ranging from 20C (68F) in the south to 14C (57F) in the north.

Low Countries, Germany, Austria, Switzerland: Morning fog will be a problem in many parts and in some spots it will be midday before this clears. When the fog does clear, and where it does occur, there will be plenty of warm sunshine. Max temps 17-21C (63-70F).

France: Thick fog to start the day in places. The fog will clear and then everywhere will have plenty of warm sunshine although there is the risk of a shower breaking over the south. Max temps 19-24C (66-75F).

Spain and Portugal: To the south of Madrid and along Mediterranean coasts of Spain, it will be very showery. The showers are prolonged and heavy at times with thunder downpours mixed in. Elsewhere in Spain will be dry with spells of hazy sunshine. In Portugal, a shower or two is likely to the south of Lisbon while to the north there will be warm sunshine. Max temps 24-28C (75-82F).

Greece: All parts are at risk of showers and some of these will be heavy. There will however be some sunny spells in many parts between the showers with the best of the sunshine in the north. Max temps 22-27C (72-81F).

Around the world: Yesterday's lunchtime reports.

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Britain secures agreement on joint monitoring of 'sizeable groups' crossing European Union borders to attend legal gatherings

EU extends police surveillance

Martin Walker in Brussels

BRITAIN has persuaded the rest of the European Union to join an unprecedented police surveillance operation to gather and share intelligence on all "sizeable groups" which may pose a threat to law and order.

At a stroke, the police surveillance co-operation system on football hooligans set up in 1993 for the European football championships, has been extended to a range of other legal activities, both political and social, which involve people moving from one EU

member state to another.

"The threat to civil liberties and the right of free assembly is clear," said Tony Bunyan of Statewatch, a civil liberties group. "Such internal security plans invite the surveillance of groups which intend to cross borders to join a demonstration on a new road or a nuclear power station, or to attend a rock concert."

Targeted individuals and groups will be listed on the Schengen Information System, the Europe-wide computerised database available to all police, immigration and border officials. The Schengen database has already been criticised by civil liberties groups for including information on individuals and groups supplied by a third country — except

when "it has clearly been obtained by a third state in obvious violation of human rights".

The new surveillance plan is based on a novel concept of policing, defined in British documents to Brussels as

order co-operation group of police chiefs and senior officials. It is marked for "limited" distribution.

"Crime is well recognised and understood. But disorder, which ranges from domestic disputes to lethal rioting, has

criminal records that include offences of violence, damage and dishonesty; moreover, they are sometimes associated with political demonstrations and direct action groups that have no sporting connections whatsoever. Accordingly, conflict has impacted on all types of organised events, including music festivals, environmental protests and public holiday demonstrations."

The EU joint home affairs council, chaired by the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, and composed of his fellow EU interior ministers, agreed without debate on May 26 on a programme of "joint action with regard to co-operation on law and order and security".

It requires all 15 EU countries to share information on the size, routes, na-

ture and objective and background of all "sizeable groups" which may pose a threat to law and order and security (which) are travelling to another member state in order to participate in events".

The joint action agreement says: "Related matters such as guarding and protecting people and property may also form part of the co-operation in question."

The agreement also allows for intelligence sharing, training and exercises, the assignment and posting abroad

of unarmed liaison officers — to be protected by the host country — and annual meetings of EU police chiefs to review progress and consider matters of common interest.

The agreement is a direct result of Britain's tenure of the EU presidency in the first half of this year, but, unlike other British initiatives in Europe, was not publicised.

The text and the British proposals that led to it will be released this week in the first issue of Statewatch's publication European Monitor,

which has used EU transparency rules to obtain official documents.

"This kind of conflict affecting the status quo would be laughable if national and EU officials were not taking it so seriously," Mr Bunyan said.

The British plan followed a survey of other EU police authorities on the security problems posed by marches, political demonstrations, football and other sports matches, pop concerts and environmental protests. The other police forces were asked to give estimates of the number of foreigners attending, and to report on the kinds of security in force, including "pre-use of non-police security teams and riot police, and the use of batons, shields, dogs and horses".

'Conflict [to be prevented] may be defined as any act that is contrary to the public's perception of normality'

Public Order: Conflict Prevention. "Conflict may be defined as any act that is contrary to the general public's perception of normality... It has the potential adversely to affect the status quo," says the British proposal, prepared for the EU's public

been largely ignored. Conflict is almost always a predictor of future crime and more serious disorder," the document says.

"The UK has found that football hooliganism is symptomatic of a much wider problem. Hooligans often have

The threat to civil liberties is clear. It affects groups going to protest against a new road or to a rock concert'

Russia 'did not misuse' IMF billions

James Meek and agencies in Moscow

RUSSIA'S former central bank chief, Sergei Dubinin, denied at the weekend that the International Monetary Fund money had been misused after the country's chief prosecutor revealed that a formal investigation was under way into the bank's accounts.

On Friday the prosecutor, Yuri Skuratov, said that a joint team, including officials from the interior ministry and the former KGB, had been in the bank for more than a week investigating, among other things, the use of the IMF's last \$4.8 billion (\$2.9 billion) loan during the final desperate days of the government of Sergei Kiriyenko.

Mr Dubinin, replaced since the catastrophic devaluation of the rouble and the collapse of the Russian banking system by Viktor Geraschenko, admitted billions of pounds had been spent in an attempt to prop up the currency. But

and, potentially, another flood of hard currency leaving the country.

The financial investigation and Mr Dubinin's reaction overshadowed yesterday's announcement by Mr Primakov that his new government had a plan to lead Russia out of its economic crisis.

"Restoration of confidence in the country's leadership, as well as confidence in Russia throughout the world, is a priority task of the new government," Mr Primakov told the leaders of the Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs.

He admitted the government did not have enough cash to tackle all the country's economic problems at once, but said priority would be given to the payment of pensions and back wages.

The prime minister told the business and banking forum that even though he had not yet named his entire cabinet, the government had been working on the recovery plan for six days.

It will include the imposition of some Soviet-style controls and the printing of billions of roubles, which will almost certainly stoke inflation. Consumer prices have already begun to soar after being under control for more than a year.

But Mr Primakov also sought to assure foreign investors that Moscow would meet its obligations, and be strongly urged the business and banking leaders to participate in the reforms.

At the same time, he urged Western leaders to fulfil their promises of aid to Russia.

The IMF, which put together a \$22.6 billion (\$13.5 billion) aid package to Moscow, has said the next instalment will be postponed until the government resumes market reforms.

Veniamin Sokolov, the chief auditor of the Moscow parliament's auditing chamber, said he had warned the IMF not to extend any more loans to Russia until efficient controls are in place.

Gennady Zyuganov, leader of the Communist Party, said at its annual plenum on Saturday that his supporters would demand that the new government support Russian industry and set an official minimum standard of living.

The Communists concentrated at their meeting on financial plans for a national day of protest scheduled for October 7.

According to the Interfax news agency, Mr Primakov's agenda for meeting the industrialists included discussion of the day of protest.



Murdered politician laid to rest

ABOY holds a white rose (left) as he joins hundreds of Albanians paying their respects yesterday to Azem Hajdari, the opposition politician killed last week.

Hajdari's death led to riots by Democratic Party supporters that sent the country spiralling into political turmoil.

Some shop owners pulled down metal shutters as the chanting crowd approached, but yesterday's gathering was peaceful, with the crowd of 1,500 people walking from the centre of the capital, Tirana, to Hajdari's grave more than three miles away.

Hajdari, a popular politician and ally of the former president Sali Berisha, was killed last Saturday. Dr Berisha has blamed the prime minister, Fatos Nano, and demanded that he resign.

An international delegation of the Organisation for Co-operation and Security in Europe (OSCE) met politicians from all parties in Tirana on Saturday.

OSCE officials criticised Dr Berisha and his party for inciting the unrest, but also Mr Nano, for failing to fight corruption. — AP, Tirana, PHOTOGRAPH BY ANJAN NEDIRINGHAUS

The allegation that the central bank in Moscow misused IMF funds was 'groundless and irresponsible'

he said this was money from the central bank's reserves and that the IMF funds had been kept separate.

Mr Skuratov said "not everything was clean" at the bank. An angry Mr Dubinin countered that the prosecutor's comments were "totally groundless and simply irresponsible".

The replacement of the pro-Western Kiriyenko government with the more interventionist regime of Yevgeny Primakov, and the waning of President Boris Yeltsin's power, may lead to a series of investigations — some genuine, some politically motivated — into figures associated with the early years of reform.

On Saturday the first effects of the Primakov-Geraschenko approach to Russia's financial crisis began to be felt in the commercial banking sector, which was flooded with soft rouble credits in an effort to get the system working again. Critics say the effect will be higher inflation

Kosovans' mountain march adds to Albanian woes

Owen Bowcott in Shkoder finds a cool welcome for desperate people rejected at every turn

UNDER threat of Serb bombardment, Zenele Tahiri and his family fled to the forest. His shop and everything he had built up over a lifetime were later "shelled down to the ground".

As one village after another in the Decani district of Kosovo was besieged then destroyed, the column of uprooted ethnic Albanians that the Tahiris joined swelled in numbers. With nowhere left to hide and the inexperienced Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) overwhelmed, they decided to make a run for the Montenegrin border.

Mr Tahiri, aged 50, was yesterday resting at a student hostel at Shkoder University — one of 4,000 refugees to have arrived in Albania in the past week.

Their perilous trek, involving expulsion from neighbouring Montenegro, has intensified the refugee crisis in Europe's poorest country, itself beset by political instability, hijacking and riots.

"We left Decani 10 days ago," said Mr Tahiri, as he sat with his son. "Many of us were older people and children. We spent three days and nights in the woods without anything to eat or drink. When there were no villages left we decided to head for the border."

Some panicked and ran



away when the column was attacked by Serbs.

"We all started off together," said Sule Rexhepi, aged 20, who lost contact with his parents. "But then we were shelled by the Serb police and dispersed. There were small babies and old men who died on the way; even women — they were just tired to death."

The weary refugees approached the Montenegrin town of Plava expecting to be received by friends and relatives, but were intercepted by Montenegrin military police. The Yugoslav republic is already sheltering 40,000 Kosovo

vans and has decided it cannot take any more.

"We were abused," said one man. "They tried to divide us up into groups of youngsters on one side and children on another. Their aim, I think, was to keep young people in prison."

"We were only allowed to drink river water, even getting that was tough. The military police beat us with whatever they could and kicked us. One man they made eat grass just for fun."

A few local ethnic Albanians brought them food — milk, cheese and bread — from Plava. "We were with

about 60 young men," said Small Zekaj, aged 18. "We were kicked. We thought they were going to make us disappear, to kill us. They said anyone aged between 18 and 40 must be a member of the KLA and needed to be dealt with."

Two days later military police drove the refugees close to the Albanian border and told them to follow an old railway line through the mountains to Vermosh.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Red Cross and the relief charity Caritas have been helping the local authorities in Shkoder provide food and shelter for the city.

Albania already had 25,000 refugees from Kosovo. The new arrivals have been housed in the student hostel and a Caritas compound. Those with cash have been paying rent for rooms, others are being accommodated for free. At least 70 are staying in a tourist hotel.

The breakdown of law and order in the Albanian capital Tirana has added to the difficulties. In Barram Curri and Tropeje in the north UNHCR Land Rovers have been hijacked at gunpoint.

"Everything was looted from our and Caritas's warehouses in Tirana — mattresses, blankets, all non-food stuff," said Alessandra Morelli of the UNHCR. "Tropeje is cut off from central government. There's no police, no law and order."

Most Albanians accept Kosovans as brothers and sisters. A few resent them for their relative wealth and fear the refugees will add to the political violence. Kosovan leaders have tried to allay

these fears, but the walls in Shkoder are already decorated with slogans supporting the "UCK" — the KLA. A red Mercedes drives around the city with UCK and an Albanian double-headed eagle emblazoned on its bonnet.

"We will fight," said a group of young men at the student hostel. "The KLA is doing a good job protecting our country. We all want to go back and fight. And when the war stops we will rebuild our houses."

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Martin Walker

ACENTRE-LEFT coalition dependent on communist and anti-European votes looked likely to be Sweden's next government last night, after a general election marked by a drift towards the far left and traditional right.

The prime minister, Goran Persson, was still determined

to fly to New York today for a seminar on "the third way" with President Bill Clinton and Tony Blair. Uncertain about his political future, he knows only that his party's grip on Swedish politics has weakened significantly.

Exit polls indicated that his Social Democrats (SDF), who have governed for 57 of the past 66 years, had failed to reach 35 per cent of the vote in yesterday's polls. They

were counting on the votes of the small Green party and the former Communists, now a broader Left Party, to hold a narrow majority in the 360-seat Riksdag (parliament).

"I think we will have enough votes to form a centre-left coalition with the Greens," the immigration and development minister, Pierre Schori, said. "But we have a cliffhanger of a result, with 10 per cent of voters saying they would not

make up their minds until faced with the ballot paper."

The left, which more than tripled its vote to nearly 14 per cent, was the big winner, along with the Christian Democrats, who have campaigned on ethical issues.

The hopes of the former prime minister Carl Bildt to muster enough votes to form a centre-right coalition appeared to be fading, after the Centre Party performed badly,

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Far right rallies voters in east

Ian Traynor
in Rostock
on neo-Nazis' march to the national polls



Germany decides

THE ragged army of shaved skulls and steel-capped hoots stomped by to a soundtrack of German marching tunes, and Harald Schühner could only shake his head in despair.

About 5,000 people took part in the biggest neo-Nazi procession in recent years. They were escorted by 6,000 police on their march through the streets of Rostock, a housing estate in the Baltic city of Rostock where unemployment is the norm and the frustration is palpable.

"It's a bloody disgrace, allowing these people to march like this," Mr Schühner, a 40-year-old buildings inspector, said, incredulous that his street had been invaded by skinheads marching eight abreast as far as the eye could see.

"We're marching here, the national resistance," they chanted. "Helmut Kohl, the people's traitor."

"And what are the police doing?" Mr Schühner added. "They're protecting them."

Hundreds of riot police

stood at the ready in case of trouble, and huge water cannons were on hand. But the neo-Nazis were on their best behaviour on Saturday.

"Our relations with the police are excellent," said Torsten Kowalski, aged 27, a skinhead who leads the "national resistance" in Rostock and will stand for election on Sunday.

"They know they never have trouble with us, only with leftwing terrorists."

Arrayed in mock military formation, the mainly young German men were given marching orders by the ring-leaders through a public address system on a lorry.

Mr Kowalski appealed to the people of Rostock to pull Germany back from the brink of ruin by voting for the extreme right.

"Do you want the Germans to be a minority in their own country?" he shouted. "It's



Neo-Nazis hold a banner reading, 'Stop betraying the people', at a weekend march for the ultra-right National Democratic Party of Germany in Rostock. PHOTOGRAPH: REINHARD KRAUSE

unbearable. There are 6 million Germans out of work, there are 3 million registered foreigners working here and another million working illegally. We've had enough of this anti-German policy.

The neo-Nazi party, the National Democratic Party of Germany (NPD), which is running in Sunday's poll as one of three extreme-right parties, it was also to remember the neo-Nazi riots

six years ago, when skinheads torched the homes of Vietnamese immigrants and fought running battles with police.

But the neo-fascists also chose Rostock because it is fertile ground for their hate-filled message. With 220,000 people, it is the biggest city in the eastern state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, the poorest of the 16 federal states and the one with worst unemployment — two factors that have acted as recruiting sergeant

for the NPD in recent years.

Although the immigrant community of Rostock is the smallest in Germany, last year the state had the country's worst record of violence against foreigners, 30 times higher than in neighbouring Lower Saxony, according to the intelligence service.

The neo-Nazi fringe, the NPD and its rival German People's Union (DPU), are confident they are knocking on an open door in appealing

to the rampant xenophobia of provincial eastern Germany. Recent evidence suggests they could be right.

An internal government survey in June found that 32 per cent of people aged under 30 could vote for the extreme right in Rostock. The Bonn establishment was shocked when, two months ago in the eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt, the DPU, a phantom party led by a Munich millionaire, came from nowhere

to take 13 per cent of the vote. That percentage included almost a third of under-30s.

The German voting system, which requires any party to get 5 per cent of the national vote to enter parliament, means the extreme right will fail to qualify nationally because its vote is split between the NPD, the DPU and the Republicans. But the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern state parliament also gets elected next Sunday, and pollsters predict

that both the NPD and the DPU could get into the chamber in Schwerin.

Manfred Röder, a lawyer who is godfather to the neo-Nazi movement, says he knows why. "This Germany is a repressive state, and everything that's gone wrong is the fault of the government in Bonn — unemployment, the aimlessness of youth. This country is too small to be overrun by millions of foreigners. We'll get 8-10 per cent.

Murder mystery puts Italian prosecutors in the dock

The killing of a law student has exposed a legal system in crisis, reports John Hooper in Rome



Ferraro (left) and Scattone, the accused lecturers

THE bizarre case of two young philosophy lecturers accused of an apparently motiveless murder has turned from a legal curiosity into a political controversy. Even Italy's prime minister, Romano Prodi, has taken his position.

The body responsible for the legal system — the equivalent of Britain's Lord Chancellor's office — is to meet this week to decide whether to take disciplinary action against the prosecutors in the trial in Rome, which resumes tomorrow.

A video, shown in court last week and broadcast on Italian television, captures the two lecturers threatening a witness with life imprisonment if she refuses to give evidence incriminating the defendants.

The role of Italy's im-

mensely powerful prosecutors is a repeated theme in rows about the sorry state of the country's justice system. In this case they were helped by the secret service.

Two lecturers, Giovanni Scattone, aged 29, and Salvatore Ferraro, aged 30, are charged, together with a library attendant, of murdering a law student, Marta Russo, last May. It is alleged they shot her with a .22 weapon from a junior lecturers' common room as she walked across the campus at the Sapienza, Rome's largest and oldest university.

But the weapon they are alleged to have used has never been found, and no motive has been established.

It is known that all three men were gun enthusiasts. It is also suggested that the de-

fendants were imitating a scene from the film Schindler's List in which the concentration camp commandant shoots at inmates from his balcony. The film was shown on Italian television on the night of the murder.

It is also alleged that Mr Scattone and Mr Ferraro gave tutorials discussing a crime that could not be successfully prosecuted because of the

lack of a motive. But the mystery remains as to why the killer would have fired from a room which people were constantly entering.

The case against the two philosophers and their alleged accomplices, Francesco Liparota, rests on a secretary, Gabriella Alletto. She told the court last week that she had heard a noise and that, when she turned around, she

glimpsed Mr Scattone, half-hidden behind curtains, pull back from the open window with a pistol in his hand. The other two men were with him.

However, the video shown last week showed her telling a different story — swearing that she was not in the room and tearfully denying she had seen either of the two lecturers that day. The recording also showed the prosecutors warning her, "You are guilty of murder" and "you will never again come out of prison".

Mr Prodi called it a "very serious matter". The video reinforced allegations repeated since the mass failings of the anti-corruption drive of the early 1990s that prosecutors routinely use the threat of imprisonment to extract dubious confessions.

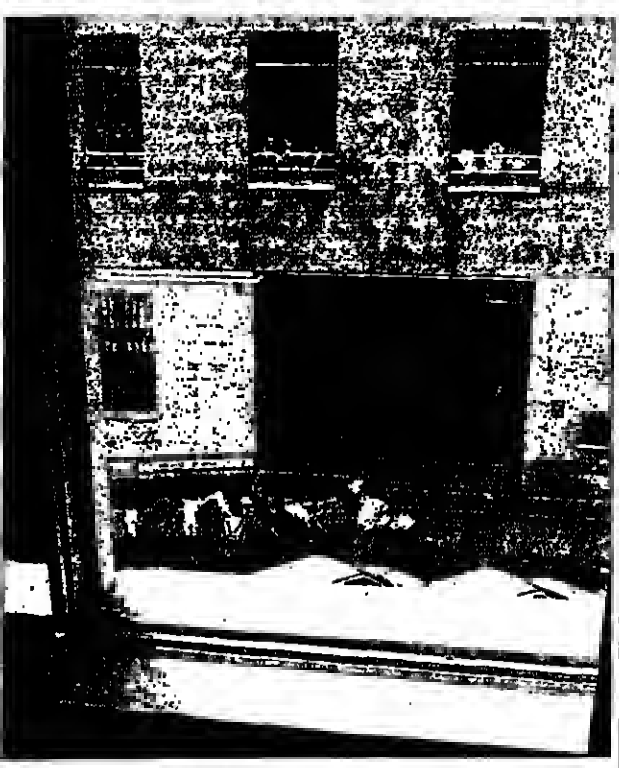
The opposition, led by Silvio Berlusconi, who is himself battling to stay out of jail, has called for a change in the role of the prosecutors, who enjoy the status of judges yet fulfil many of the duties that, in other societies, are fulfilled

by the police. The prosecutors were astonished by the outcry. They gave the video to the court to show that taped extracts from the interrogation had not been manipulated. The video had been made secretly, with equipment supplied by the intelligence services, because the prosecutors suspected Ms Alletto might be communicating by signs with her brother-in-law, a police inspector.

A judge had refused to authorise the filming, and Ms Alletto's lawyer was not present when they questioned her, although she was apparently regarded as a suspect.

Yet when pressed about the apparent irregularities in court, one of the prosecutors burst out: "What do you think? That murder inquiries are carried out offering tea and little cakes?"

In a report to the justice minister at the weekend, the chief prosecutor of Rome exonerated his subordinates, saying he saw nothing wrong with their methods or procedures.



The window of the lecturers' room at the Rome university Sapienza, from which Marta Russo was allegedly shot

Claims by Iraqi defector complicate UN efforts

Ian Black in New York

THE crisis between Iraq and the West deepened yesterday with new allegations about sanctions-hustling by Baghdad, and no resolution of the latest stand-off over United Nations weapons inspections.

With world leaders gathering for the UN General Assembly today and Iraq announcing new talks with the secretary general, Kofi Annan, a description from a defector of how the Iraqi president, Saddam Hussein, organised oil smuggling in contravention of UN sanctions seemed designed to bolster international support for the measures.

The defector, Sami Salih, is probably the most important Iraqi to reach the West since Saddam's brother in law, Hussein Kamel, revealed details of Iraq's chemical and biological weapons programmes when he fled from Iraq to Jordan three years ago.

Mr Salih, now in hiding in Belgium, is said to have given Washington and London vital information about a network of front companies in Europe and the Middle East that were set up to handle the illegal oil trade. Now he is clearly being exploited for his propaganda value.

His debriefing by Britain's foreign intelligence service, MI6, and the CIA provided details about how Iraq, long a bitter enemy of Iraq, had apparently helped ship Iraqi

oil through its territorial waters in return for a slice of the profits.

Turkey and Jordan were also named as important routes for exporting oil, as well as importing goods banned under the sanctions regime.

The Sunday Telegraph quoted the defector, who was imprisoned and tortured in Iraq before his escape to Jordan, as saying that Saddam had regularly flouted the requirements of the UN special commission, Unscm.

"Saddam never had any intention of complying with the inspection teams," he is said to have claimed. "I have seen missiles hidden all over Iraq. I have seen them stored under swimming pools and on farms."

The sanctions should stay in place as long as Saddam is in power.

Concerned at accusations that it has softened its stance on the inspections and that it is distracted by President Clinton's mounting domestic problems, the US State Department last week warned Iraq against ceasing cooperation with Unscm.

That warning came after the Baghdad leadership threatened to end further arms inspections if the UN Security Council did not reverse last week's resolution, passed as punishment for Iraq's lack of cooperation, to suspend regular reviews of the sanctions. Without the reviews there is no hope of lifting or easing the embargoes.

Yesterday, Iraq said it would send a delegation to New York shortly to meet Mr Annan to try to resolve the stand-off. The meeting would discuss a proposal by the secretary-general dealing with both the stand-off and the review of sanctions on Iraq.

According to an Iraqi adviser at the presidential office, Iraq decided to halt cooperation with Unscm and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) — which monitors Iraq's nuclear programme — unless Unscm is restructured to reduce what Iraq calls excessive UN Security Council influence. But the Security Council offered Baghdad a carrot by calling for a "comprehensive review" of embargoes if it resumed cooperation with the arms inspectors.

Mr al-Saadi insisted that Iraq would not talk with Unscm to resolve the stand-off.

"It is useless," he said. "We have been talking with them for the past seven years and that led us to nowhere."

Iraq allows the inspectors to monitor sites which have been identified as having evidence of prohibited weapons, but it has threatened to withdraw this permission if the Security Council does not rescind its resolution suspending the regular reviews of sanctions.

Yesterday, Iraq also condemned the US for inspecting Iraqi vessels in the Gulf and said the procedure was delaying the delivery of food and medical supplies.

South Africa's spies show old habits die hard

Confusion rules at spy agency, writes David Beresford in Johannesburg

A SENIOR government official who is responsible for the control of the sale of weapons under South Africa's strict code governing the trade, was asked recently whether he believed his country's arms were playing a role in the Congo war.

"I watch CNN very carefully," he replied with apparent seriousness. "But I haven't seen any South African equipment being used so far."

Next week the country's black elite are to stage a symposium on the African Renaissance, a dream nursed by President Nelson Mandela's heir apparent, Thabo Mbeki, which would see South Africa masterminding a rebirth of hope for the continent.

But from its humiliation by Nigeria over the execution of writer Ken Saro-Wiwa to its current inadequate attempts to resolve the crisis over Lesotho's rigged elections, the attempt by the continent's "super power" to play peacemaker has been marked by a never-ending debacle.

The explanation appears to lie largely with the frustra-

tion of the government official who peered at his television for information about the arms trade — it represents the virtual collapse of the intelligence-gathering capacity.

South Africa's apartheid-era spy agencies were infamous for their lack of a degree of respect in the intelligence world.

Four years after the collapse of apartheid, the agencies' failures have left their political masters staggering in a virtually blindfold around the quagmires of foreign policy.

Yesterday newspapers reported that Robert McBride, a foreign affairs desk officer who was picked up in Mozambique on gun-running charges, had documents to prove he was working for South Africa's National Intelligence Agency (NIA).

Mr McBride's return home this week, after six months' detention without trial, was marked by the failure of any of his "comrades" to greet him at Johannesburg International airport, in what appeared to be a studied snub.

It followed repeated disavowals of Mr McBride, an ANC liberation "hero", by both the government and security chiefs.

In fact, McBride appears to have been working not only for the NIA, but evidence previously reported in detail by the Guardian suggest he was set up on the arms charges by fellow members of the South African intelligence

community.

Last week parliament heard of the possible involvement of secret service agents in the sinister activities of the fugitive Zairean general who set up home in South Africa after the fall of Mobutu.

A week earlier South African television had related how the NIA "special project unit" set up to track down missing billions believed to have been hidden in Swiss bank during apartheid, was itself apparently fleeing state funds.

Before that there was the Guardian story of the senior NIA analyst, Donovan Nel, who appeared to have been framed on charges of threatening to blow up Mr Mandela in another spy versus spy imbroglio within the agency. And that, in turn, followed a scandal over the theft of 11 minihouses and high tech surveillance equipment from the NIA's premises.

Capping the apparent disintegration of South Africa's intelligence gathering capacity are suggestions that the country — as a result of gestures of friendship towards the likes of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi and Cuba's President Fidel Castro, as well as its security incompetence — has lost the access it used to have to US satellite intelligence.

In the circumstances it is hardly surprising that Mr Mandela has shown himself to be confused as to whose side South Africa is on in the conflict in Congo.

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THE moral and aesthetic debate raging over the building of a Holocaust memorial in the prime real estate quarter of central Berlin has now become a campaign issue. Chancellor Helmut Kohl announced the plan to build the memorial nearly a decade ago, and the search for a design began over four years ago. He vetoed the first design, a 100 yard by 100 yard tombstone which he derided as "monstrous".

The selection committee could not agree on a single design, so it recommended two. The judges, rather than choose between them, added two more designs to the shortlist. At that point a public forum was set up with the highly unrealistic goal of reaching consensus on whether it was necessary to have a memorial, how it should look and where it should stand. At each stymied attempt, Kohl warned about the disgrace Germany would suffer in the eyes of the world if the memorial were not built.

But now Kohl, who seems settled in the design by architect Peter Eisenman and sculptor Richard Serra, is running out of time; he is pushing for a final decision on the design before Sunday's election, so worried is he that the project will be cancelled if he loses to Social Democratic challenger Gerhard Schröder.

Schröder might well cancel it. In a dig at Kohl's pet project, his cultural affairs advisor suggested that the six million allocated for it would be better spent on the upkeep of existing memorials, in particular the former concentration camps, falling into disrepair due to lack of funds.

Staking one's claim for the moral high ground on this issue is not restricted to politicians. Leading German intellectuals and writers are also voicing concerns. Can a single physical structure do justice to the scale of the atrocity? Is it possible to find an aesthetic solution to the dilemma of how to commemorate Europe's murdered Jews?

What about the Gypsies, Communists, homosexuals, anarchists, disabled people, and many others who, although not part of the Holocaust, were victims of Hitler's regime? Does a monument teach anything about history, or is it only a symbol?

The debate is as much about the nature of post-war German identity as it is about Hitler's victims. Does Germany want to teach future generations about its history or does it want an enormous symbol to show the rest of the world that it has already learned lessons from its past?

There should be not one memorial in Berlin, but many — marking where trains pulled out and where shops were vandalised and where people once lived who suddenly disappeared. Then in future, without inherited guilt or shame, children could analyse the nihilistic claim of "I didn't know" and come to the question of individual responsibility in one's own community, where racism and xenophobia continue to thrive.

Third Way...



Civic spirit is still strong. But it doesn't count for much on your CV

Madeleine Bunting



I AM sick of sex. Before you commiserate with, or seduce, my husband, I'd better clarify that I'm sick of hearing, reading and watching sex. The orgy of self revelation last week has been about as erotic as watching cattle copulate. So I'm declaring a sex-free zone. If you're looking for details of whipped cream, cigars or other unexpected sex accessories, pass on.

In the conference on the Third Way today in New York, expect to hear a lot about community. Expect to hear even more over the next three weeks of the conference season. Last year, the word community appeared in newspaper coverage of the respective party conferences: Tories 34 times, LibDems 10 and Labour 69. In September and October 1997, community cropped up in stories about the Labour Party a staggering 191 times; that's on average three times a day. Community has become a political mantra: calming, spreading a sense of well-being, but hard to see what it actually means.

The LibDems are first off with a proposal for another trowel's worth of community to education. Don Foster, education spokesman, is proposing that Neighborhood Schools Trusts made up of the local community and businesses should take over the running of schools. For more than a decade everyone — Tory, Labour and LibDem — have been applying community to the problems of educational underperformance. The rhetoric of dispersing power to people to run the institutions which affect their lives is unobjectionable. But, having spent three and half hours at a school governors' meeting last week, the idea filled me with scepticism. The

meeting started with the familiar appeal for governors to serve in vacancies at another school. Just who and where are the people who have hours to spare every week, developing the huge expertise in complicated issues from educational policy to insurance required to run a school? (The unpleasant discovery last week was that contrary to all previous assurances, there is a grey area in the law and that governors could be personally liable in lawsuits against the school.) Being a governor is a thankless, time-consuming task which — given the enormous responsibility — demands an expertise that worryingly few governors manage to develop.

Just as we learn that the British work unsocially long hours compared with our European counterparts, just as we learn that a huge proportion of mothers are now working, just as we jump on every labour-saving device and every service industry to relieve the rush, we learn that its our civic duty to run our kids' schools. Bizarre.

There has been a crisis of confidence in the effectiveness of the state and in educational policy in particular, everyone has landed on the "community" as the solution. Sociologist Matt Ridley who argues in *The Origins of Virtue*, that one of the most distinctive characteristics of the human species is the evolution of our social instincts, ("society is as much a product of our genes as our bodies are") blames the welfare state for crippling them. He writes the welfare state replaced "thousands of effective community institutions — friendly societies, mutuals, hospital trusts and more, all based on reciprocity and gradually nurtured virtuous

circles of trust with giant, centralised Leviathans like the NHS, nationalised industries and government quangos, all based on condescension".

Ridley has given intellectual credibility to an idea first framed by the Tories but now partially adopted by Labour: if you roll back the state, you will rekindle the frameworks of mutuality and co-operation. I have two concerns. Firstly, that although the rhetoric in educational policy is about dispersing power, in reality, under both the Tories and Labour, there has been successive and massive extension of centralised power into the classroom. The National Curriculum under the Tories laid down what had to be taught, and through such initiatives as the Literacy Hour, Labour is prescribing exactly how to teach it.

MY second concern is with the credibility of the concepts of duty and altruism which underpin the debate about community and civic spirit. The question of motivation and how culture conditions it, is where the debate on community needs to be. Who volunteers and why? And what chance is there of increasing their number?

The headline figures undermine the doom-mongers' argument of a decline in civic spirit — 22 million Britons volunteer for an average four hours a week. But volunteering is, as one expects, patchy. It is higher in prosperous neighbourhoods among higher socio-economic groups. Indeed its absence can be taken as a relatively reliable indicator of social exclusion. Civic spirit is not so much in decline as inconsistent. It probably always has been. There's a dangerous

nostalgia in the Ridley argument. It was precisely the terrible holes left by networks of community institutions and charities which prompted the welfare state.

The headline figure masks also a shift from younger volunteers to older. Among the 18-24 age group the numbers of volunteers has dropped by 12 per cent 1991-7 and their hours from 2.7 to 0.7. Another significant finding was that, when questioned about motivation, personal benefit ranked high; they referred to meeting new people and wanting a reference on their CV.

Does this help explain the difficulties of recruiting nurses, teachers and midwives? Of course pay is relevant, but in the coverage last week, there was little reference to the fact that motivated millions to go into these caring professions — altruism. In a culture in which self-sacrifice and service to others is held out as an unparalleled ideal, then professions dedicated to them cannot expect to attract the best. Some have been motivated by the prospect of a better life, which dominated discussion of the issue last week.

Only a materialistic culture determines status simply by wealth. Personal virtue (often female, often of Irish origin) has subsidised these public services for several generations. No longer.

Ridley's argument that there has been a decline in civic spirit may be partly correct. We are failing to transmit ideals to the X generation. But surely the welfare state is less to blame than competitive, consumer capitalism? The ethos of competitiveness has sunk deep into the way we socialise our children. Life is a race, and you've got to be the first off the starting block.

Why do journalists recycle the leaks as though they are fact?

Hunting with hounds

Peter Preston



NO community of journalists spends more time agonising about its ethics and the need for public trust. That is the American way. Once the story of Clinton and Lewinsky is done, once the final juice has been squeezed and spat away, you may bet on a spate of special seminars and learned reports reviewing the lessons and making lofty recommendations to a cleaner, brighter future. Phooey! The time for such lessons is now.

Newspapermen and broadcasters need to understand their audience. They have to stay in touch with its feelings and concerns. A few weeks ago one such (British) audience was treated to a further warm bath of Diana remembrance. But, yet again, the people had the last, hollow laugh. They had spilled unheralded emotion in the immediate aftermath of her death. A year on, though, they suddenly moved on.

There was nothing to be ashamed of there. The clamours of public opinion got it wrong once, then wrong again. Who could unerringly catch such a fleeting mood? But the Bill/Monica equation has no similar reflexes to offer. American opinion, exhaustively polled, is clear where it stands as another sordid week begins. It does not revere its president, but it does not want him impeached. It continues to stand by his record in office. It does not want to see that allegedly squirming video, nor to read another 2,800 pages of evidence. But what it wants is not what it is going to get.

Many sub-groups within the media (and politics) may quite legitimately not care a fig about that. Some have been pursuing Clinton since he emerged from the obscurity of the governor's mansion in Little Rock. They hate his "liberal" policies and his glib persona. They think him a bad lot, to be hounded down and exposed at almost any cost.

Others are less dedicatedly antipathetic. They thought that Ken Starr was probably going too far. They were alarmed about the process and the system. But they are, quite genuinely, sickened by the details of the sexual encounters and the legal evasions summoned by a trained lawyer to conceal them.

These, in their book, are high crimes and misdemeanours. Time to get a judgment carefully formed. Crucially, however, neither the zealous hunters nor the sincerely sickened form a majority of the pack. They are a minority within their own small world, just as they are a minority within the greater spread of the United States.

TWO more sub-sections. The politicians — for all their prating about sacred responsibilities and the majestic duty to administer even-handed justice, have rapidly done the predictable thing: divided along narrow political lines. The Republicans are gambling on electoral advantage to come. Well, they would, wouldn't they?

But what of the legions of the non-partisan: the reporters and producers and analysts just following the story, just doing their job? Why do they, in every question, every somnolent, seem so damnably eager? Why do they keep invoking Watergate (as though seedy fumbles between consenting adults were the 90s equivalent of burglary, bug-ging and the subversion of federal agencies)? Why do they perpetually recycle the leaks — good, bad and lousy — of legal "insiders" as though they were fact, not a sometimes vicious spin on reality? Why, this morning, are they arrayed alongside the Republicans on the committee who wish to pour

every word and every picture on to the great disseminator of the Net?

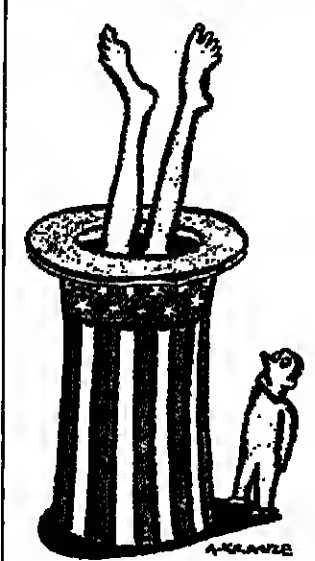
What makes them think that they have got it right, and that the public's right not to know, clearly manifested, counts for nothing? This is another sort of gamble. If Newt Gingrich and Henry Hyde have got it wrong, they'll pay when elections come around. But the media stands at no elections: the damage it does to itself will not be so easily expunged.

The video we'll have a chance to see in a few hours may or may not portray a snarling president on the ropes. The TV newscasters talking of "bombs" and "halls in flames" have not seen it. They parrot what the friends of Starr and their mates on the Judiciary Committee say. They haven't read the 2,800 pages of damning this or damning that.

This isn't the journalism they talk about piously in other forums. It is a gallop in search of a given solution: the guy's a disgrace and he has to be got rid of somehow. If the public disagrees, the public is deluded. Clinton must be brought down because everyone who's advocated his demise will look a trifle foolish if he survives.

But the issues are rather different. If illicit sex is the crucible of elected presidents, then America's history would be greatly changed: no Jefferson, FDR or JFK. If lying about it is a "high crime" then the divorce courts would be a fast track to the cage.

Impeachment is not a flippancy exercise. It is the most profound overturning of the will of the electorate, twice clearly expressed. And it requires a fundamental seriousness of purpose, a basic



American opinion doesn't want to see that allegedly squirming video

echoing of the legal imperative: innocent until proved guilty. Today is something else. Everybody knows, or says, Clinton is a liar. He's been through the mincer of prosecution questioning for four hours. Lewinsky is a liar. She junked the story she first told under oath, then told another in uncanonically commodious detail. No one has had the chance to mince her in the dock. Why did she keep that dress for two-and-a-half years? How much will she make from her touted book? There is no chance to ask the questions, because the name of the game is summary injustice.

There is a case, sure enough, for impeachment. There is a case, after the mid-term elections, for hearings in the House of Representatives where the evidence may be cited and subject to cross-examination. But there is no case at all for this week's bad cause, which is the dumping of everything in the public domain as a spectacle in embarrassment, intended — at last — to make the people change their minds.

Congress is the judge and jury here. That's what the constitution says. No forced resignation without representation. No insistent cacophony designed to produce an instant result. Of course the Republicans want that. But why are the journalists tagging along, bent on wringing the end by any means? They will regret it soon enough. And so shall we.

Dog day afternoon

Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

THE idea came to me in what is called a flash — an explosion of unexpected and unaccustomed inspiration. At the time when lightning struck, I had just finished a hot and bappy hour talking about last year's book and I was walking in the Hay on Wye rambling towards the Festival beer tent. Festival audiences are kind. So I was lulled into a false and dangerous sense of well-being. The young lady who approached me reeked with sincerity. "You are," she said, "my literary hero, the journalist I most admire in all the world." Despite the implausibility of her protestations, I still did not recognise her as a phoney. Indeed, I put my head on one side like an attentive (if unusually large) sparrow and waited for more well-in-

formed lit crit. Although I was not disappointed, I was distressed. For she went on to say, "I hope you're not dumbing down. I hear you have written a book about your dog. What happened to the great novelist?" I was about to tell her that the great novelist was alive and well and would return to fiction as soon as he could find a large supply of old-fashioned, quick-drying Tipp-Ex, when Anthony Howard — a long-standing friend who takes a depressingly professional interest in me since becoming obituarist of the Times — laid a restraining hand on my arm. "She is," he said, "from The Evening Standard Londoner's Diary." It was then that I exhibited what John F Kennedy — writing about being torpedoed by a Japanese submarine — called grace under pressure. Pulling my great novelist's face, I replied: "If Virginia Woolf can do it, I can do it."

The extraordinary aspect of that answer had nothing to do with the fact that I have never read Flaubert. I talk about dozens of books that I have never read. But I have barely heard of the life story of Elizabeth Barrett Browning as told by her dog. Perhaps I briefly thought it was, three years ago, I visited the house in which the poet died. On one of the walls, there was a picture of Mrs B bugging a spaniel to the point of asphyxiation. But that was certainly the first time in three decades that Flaubert came into my mind at just the right moment. I gave thanks not to the gods who watch over gossip column victims but to Buster. He has made me think dog.

If, in my dogless days, you had whispered pre-Raphaelite in my ear, I would have responded, "Light of the World." Not now. Clearly the best of all the brotherhood's work is "Order for Release" in which the wounded Jacobite is reunited with the de-

voted wife who has brought his pardon to the Hanoverian jail. She has also brought his dog. It is, in the words of the training manuals, "jumping up" — a habit which disciplined dogs eschew. Buster jumps up. When I get home from America, his paws will

When I get home, his paws will punch me in the groin as soon as I walk in. And I will love it

punch me in the groin as soon as I walk through the door. And I will love it. Buster has changed my view of literature as well as of art. These days, Bill Sykes' brutality towards Nancy seems a trivial offence as compared with his treatment of Bullseye. My sympathy for the Spanish civil war republicans is di-

minished every time I recall how little homage they paid to their Catalan mascot — at least according to George Orwell. How could Huxley have created a character who dropped a Pekinese out of an aeroplane? Owning a dog has excited a new sort of sympathy in me. The dog-deprived may call it sentimentality. But however it is described, it means that I support the hound of the Baskervilles rather than Sherlock Holmes.

There is no doubt that, as works of art, books that lack canine interest are incomplete. Howard's End should have had a couple of Labradors in the garden. The Nottingham miners were surely not so preoccupied with their sons and lovers that they had no time for whippet racing. John Le Carré's secret agents would have possessed extra emotional depth if, before they were smuggled into the Soviet Union, they had agonised about leaving their terriers

in kennels. The Right Stuff should not have paid tribute to the first men in space without making clear that a dog had made the journey 10 years earlier.

Buster's Diaries — written with me as Boswell to his Johnson — does not claim to redress the literary balance. Nor does it offer a dog's eye view on questions which are none of a literary dog's business. Buster has no opinion on the single European currency. And he does not pass judgment on President Clinton's wit and character. He simply describes the difficulties of owning a man and teaching him to behave in a way which does not upset the neighbours. I suppose that it has a happy ending. In a little less than three years, he has managed to get me more or less under control. After all, I did not bite the young lady from The Evening Standard's Londoner's Diary.

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'In all societies, men show a greater desire for sex with many partners than women'
Steven Pinker, Letters

Paddy eyes his prize

But can he trust Labour?

Will this be Paddy Ashdown's last Liberal Democrat conference as leader? At last year's conference he reminded delegates that large political prizes like constitutional change are only achieved by taking risks. As befits a former marine boat squadron commander, Paddy Ashdown has been taking lots of risks. Against the wishes of his tribal followers, the Liberal Democrat leader has refused to follow a traditional opposition party path. Instead of opposing everything the Government has done, he has sought to co-operate with Labour where possible and obstruct only where necessary. Yet having been "cosy" with Labour for 18 months, will the historic prize of proportional representation still be snatched from his grasp?

Whatever system is finally proposed, it will mean fewer seats for Labour. This will not please Labour MPs. A campaign in support of first-past-the-post, backed by union money, has already been launched. Only two members of Labour's cabinet are ardent electoral reformers — Mo Mowlam and Robin Cook. Labour's biggest hitters — Prescott, Brown, Straw — are all either opposed or unenthusiastic. Tony Blair has still not signalled his position. Even some of Ashdown's friends are saying he would have to resign if Blair campaigns against the commission's recommendation. Was it sensible of Ashdown to place his future in Blair's hands?

Ashdown's success in rebuilding the Liberal Democrats is widely acknowledged. In his 10 years as leader, he has guided his party from a humiliating position below even the Greens to a point where, with 46 MPs and 5,000 councillors, it is the largest third political force since 1985. If he succeeds — as he deserves to do — in his bid to introduce a more proportional electoral system into Britain, he will have become the most successful Liberal leader since Lloyd George. The reason he placed his future in Blair's hands was because Blair is the only man who can deliver electoral reform. He has a majority of 180.

The difficulties he will face in his party, he looks ready to take on the task. Remember, it was at last year's Labour Party conference that he addressed the "nervousness" in his party about "what I am doing with the Liberal Democrats". It was there that he acknowledged his heroes included not just Labour leaders like Bevin, Bevan and Attlee but Liberal reformers such as Keynes, Beveridge and Lloyd George. In the same speech he signalled his frustration with two left-of-centre parties competing for the same territory: "Division among radicals almost 100 years ago resulted in a 20th century dominated by Conservatives. I want the 21st century to be the century of the radical."

There will be howls of protest from the tribalists. It will be too weak for the proportional representation purists in the Lib Dems and too strong for some Labour supporters, but Paddy's faith in Tony could turn out to be well placed.

Trial by video

Hounding the President, take two

AFTER the text of the Starr investigation, the footnotes, the critical analysis, you might think there was nothing left to say. You would be wrong. Today we get a videotape of President Clinton's four-hour grand jury testimony, transcripts of messages he left on Monica Lewinsky's answering machine, an inventory of the items taken from Ms Lewinsky's apartment by the FBI, even the text of her unscripted letters to the President and files removed from her computer hard drive. The investigators can no longer claim this is freedom and democracy in action: it is a witch-hunt, pure and simple: no life would stand up to this minute examination, this moment-by-moment dismantling. It is painful, pathetic, pointless, serving only to create a flood of McCarthyite smear and counter-smear, the Republi-

cans want blood, preferably blood tested for the President's DNA.

The only people to emerge with any credit from this sordid saga are the American public, who continue to show the sound sense they have demonstrated throughout. Americans are against the public release of the video by a 2-1 margin; fewer than 50 per cent say they will watch it (this may of course be another example of people lying to pollsters — viewing figures will make interesting reading); and only a third of those polled said they approved of the way Congress was handling the matter. "Playboy would not be allowed to put that kind of pornography on the airwaves," said one Clinton supporter, expressing the view among the Democrats that this is now about humiliation rather than honour, party advantage rather than principle.

Letters to the Editor

A row is brewing

MATTHEW Engel's tea recipe (September 19) misses out the essentials. Most tea bags contain the dust left behind after the leaf has been removed. If you start with a box instead of a bag, at least you can see what you're getting. As to milk, most English people make tea so strong, their taste buds can't get near it, and then they complain what's left with milk. Adding milk to real tea makes about as much sense as squirting ketchup into your sherry. Leslie Caplan, London.

IN his book, *English Place* (Names), Prof Kenneth Cameron says that the name Manchester means "town on the round, breast-like hill". The word "man" originally meaning "breast". An old atlas I found said that the name meant a town on two hills shaped like a woman's breasts. Now I'm a Manchester man but for the life of me I don't know a single hill in Manchester shaped like a woman's breasts. Where are they exactly? Michael Knowles, Congleton, Cheshire.

I AM an Ofsted inspector. The day before the announcement of Chris Woodhead's 45 per cent pay rise (September 19), I received a letter from the inspection agency which employed me asking how much I was prepared to reduce my daily pay allowances in order to make the agency's tenders more competitive. Was Mr Woodhead's job put out to tender? Name and address supplied.

WE'VE read about oral sex while the President was in conversation and also the *diversification* with a cigar. But what is the Third Way that Bill and Tony are always talking about? The mind boggles. John Sheeran, Cheltenham.

CLINTON should just have used the language of the Kama Sutra: "I was never in congress with Monica Lewinsky. I was in the Oval Office." Syd Cunliffe, Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

Pinker on the president

IN HER attack on my commentary on President Clinton's behaviour, Polly Toynbee (Birds do it, Bill does it, September 19) makes two things clear: she hates biological explanations of human motives, and she has no desire to understand what these explanations are.

In all societies, men show a greater desire for sex with many partners than women do. The Darwinian explanation, supported by many kinds of evidence, is that an ancestral man who slept with 50 women could have sired 50 children, and would have been more likely to have had descendants today who inherited his tastes, whereas a woman who slept with 50 men would have had no more descendants than a woman who slept with one. That does not imply that men literally want to make lots of babies, only that before the invention of

contraception, that would have been the likely outcome. And of course, sexual desire is only one component of the human mind; others include conscience and the ability to foresee the consequences of one's actions, and they may override sexual desire in any given instance.

Toynbee concedes that the explanation "may be based on good science" and that "undoubtedly we are adulterous... and maybe partly for the reasons that (Darwinian psychologists) give". Nonetheless, she indignantly denounces it. Why? Because it is a "determinist answer" which implies that "none of us can help anything", and because it implies that "monogamy is for wimps".

These non-sequiturs reveal that Toynbee shows no grasp of probability, multiple causation, or the difference between "is" and "ought". The first is like saying that we should reject the claim that hungry people are more likely to eat, because it is a determinist answer that implies that none of us can help anything. The second is like saying that we should reject the claim that despotism is good for despots, because it implies that democracy and equality are for wimps.

I was equally surprised to read that Marxists such as myself ignore self-consciousness, morality, free will, fashion, pleasure, love, loneliness, and the differences between humans and other animals. In fact my recent book, *How the Mind Works*, has detailed discussions of each of these topics. Why did the Guardian publish this rant? Steven Pinker, Professor and director, Center for Cognitive Neuroscience, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



On colostrum's udder uses

YOUR correspondents write that "team members are being given colostrum from cows in an experiment". Its use in sport had not been heard of until now ("Drugs checks urged on cycle team's 'dairy food', September 19"). This is not true. The national Finnish ski-team tested Bloerervin (an extract of bovine colostrum) back in 1992 and its positive effect was shown by a measurable reduction in their levels of Creatine Kinase — an enzyme that shows when muscles are under stress.

Since then colostrum has been widely used by athletes involved in endurance and stamina sports in Sweden, Finland and the US. We began selling cow's colostrum to athletes in the UK in 1995. It has since been used by marathon runners, triathletes, swimmers, cyclists, tennis players, boxers and weight lifters.

The whole point of products such as Bloerervin and Dynamic Colostrum is that they are entirely natural products. They stimulate the body's own recovery processes — even the Creatine that they contain is in the right form and concentration to be absorbed by the body. They cannot be "over-dosed" (unlike the artificial creatine kinase products on the market). Your correspondents are also incorrect in describing it as "a yellow sticky substance". Colostrum is available freeze dried, or as a clear sterile extract. Dr Jennifer Rees, Technical Director, Biomass Ltd.

We're having second thoughts on the Third Way

DECCA Aitkenhead (18th September) is quite right to criticise the facile pragmatism of the Third Way, and to point out that the interests of business systematically take precedence over those of ordinary people. But she pulls her punches by dismissing Marxism as some old-fashioned nonsense about "who owns the means of production". It was the 1948 Communist Manifesto of Marx and Engels, not some Blairite think tank, which first pointed to globalisation as a fundamental dynamic of modern society. As to the relevance of Marxism to modern problems of pollution, BSE, and global warming, is it conceivable that such issues are unrelated to the relentless pursuit of profit by global capital? John Lea, London.

IF only Blairism were merely Thatcherism with a kind face. Nonetheless, Decca Aitkenhead is spot-on in observing that, "if left and right no longer meant anything, the Third Way would be the Only Way": for, after 16 months in office, Blair's New Labour is disturbingly authoritarian.

This Third Way has been trod before: in 1930s Europe, a clique of ex-socialists claimed they had abolished social conflict. They performed the same sleight of hand which New Labour practises: the ideology of "what works" promoted the well-being of the powerful whilst rhetoric of national renewal and a fake inclusivity undermined popular demand for real change. 70 years ago, these people were called "fascists". Blair's favoured intellectual, Anthony Giddens, should be careful: Heidegger provides us with a chilling example of the brilliant philosopher who allowed himself to fall into the thrall of the Great Leader's court. Mike Diboll, London.

DECCA Aitkenhead dismisses Prof Giddens' slogan "No rights without responsibilities" without looking at the dangers inherent in such over-simplification. Giddens fails to address the question of who will define those responsibilities, and who will enforce them.

What happens to those who are deemed not to have carried out their responsibilities?

What happens to those people who have not justified their existence in this subtle modification of the perception of the underclass or *untermenschen*? Or who challenge the reinvented notion of the under-serving poor? Because the undeserving rich will, nevertheless, remain rich.

These rights or responsibilities of which Giddens speaks will be defined by the governing group, supported by the selective and remote authority of intellectuals. It is already evident that ministers and their advisers, the practice of citizen's panels, opinion research, industry focus groups and the partying of "bottom-up", will have sufficient evidence to convince the media, and even themselves, that the government is responding to what the nation thinks.

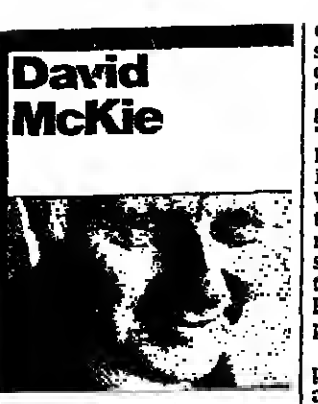
How the UN boss keeps busy

THE UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, has been actively engaged in efforts to find a peaceful solution to the crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo (Leader, September 17). When he was in Durban earlier this month for the meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement, he appeared to Africans to resolve their differences through political, not military, means. He held intensive consultations for three days with the leaders of the region, including Presidents Mandela, Mugabe, Njoma, Kahila, Chissano, and Dos Santos, to name but a few. Together with the regional organisations, the OAU and SADC, he was trying to find a formula to get the

warring factions to stop fighting and talking. He has not given up.

Furthermore, it is inaccurate to say that Mr Annan, as head of peacekeeping in 1994, failed to raise the alarm ahead of the genocide in Rwanda. The information he was privy to was passed on to the ambassadors of the US, France and Belgium in Kigali. The alarm was clearly sounded, but member states failed to heed it. The international community failed in 1994; let us never again be accused of standing by while such heinous crimes against humanity are being committed. Ahmad Fawzi, Director, UN London.

Down in Doncaster



THE actress Diana Rigg, I read in a profile the other day, was born in Doncaster. This is just about the only hostile reference to the place I have seen in two years.

Towns, like people, go through bad patches, and Doncaster's is one now. Even this year's staging of the St Leger, the oldest flat racing classic, was not the best it ought to have been, espec-

cially after the favourite in a sub-standard field was withdrawn to be run in France. The Leger, racing writers grumbled, is not what it was. "Is there any life left in the Leger?" demanded the Racing Post. The week was any-thing blighted by the regurgitation of "Donnygate", a municipal scandal which has simultaneously humiliated the reputations of the Labour Party, local government and poor underserving Doncaster.

This sleazy saga of fun-packed jaunts for councillors and officials — some paid for by friendly developers, others by the people of Doncaster — was thought to have been fully exposed in an auditor's report last year, but ten days ago the Yorkshire Post, which first revealed these malpractices, claimed the infection would well be yoked what the auditor had revealed. Last Monday a former councillor was jailed for making false expense claims. And on Tuesday police

raided the home of the leader of the council's Conservative group. Then there is Promiscuitygate. Last month, the town found itself plastered all over the media as a kind of unofficial capital of British depravity after its health authority put the town on an HIV alert. Young people emerging well tanked up from night haunts played up the image for all they were worth, flashing sturdy bosoms in front of the cameras and telling lurid tales of condomless mega-sex.

The town's once famous football club had fallen on wretched days. It had come into the hands of a vilified owner (or "benefactor", as he called himself), its ground, Belle Vue, was a crumbling ruin. A fire in the main stand three years ago had led to charges of arson. Part way through last season the manager told his players not to bother to come in for training since the trainers had both been sacked. The Rovers

duly seeped out of the third division, finishing 15 points behind penultimate Brighton. The town's rugby league team is in bottom place in the bottom division.

But towns, like people, can be nursed and cherished into recovery. There's a stirring example of that across the county at Halifax, a town once used to routine disparagement, but now buoyant and huzzing. It has certain natural advantages which Doncaster is denied: it's set on a hill, with hills ringed around it, where Doncaster is dead flat. It has suffered less at the hands of the planners, the worst of whose offences in Doncaster was to build a vile relief road which cuts off its finest building, Sir George Gilbert Scott's parish church, instead of finding it in to the town. It stands today on an arbitrary patch of ground which it shares with a functional construction labelled Car Park 3.

YOU get to it through a squalid subway, and even then you will probably find it locked because of staff shortages. Halifax nearly lost its delicious Piece Hall (1775) to make way for a car park but, saved by a single vote, it is now a specialist shopping centre. The industrialist, property king and entrepreneur Sir Ernest Hall rescued the mighty mills of the defunct Crompton carpet company and turned them into a wonderful complex of offices, studios, craft shops and galleries.

NEVER expected to write these words, but Halifax is awash with culture. On Saturday Barrie Rutter's Northern Broadside company ended a run of Samson Agonistes in the Viaduct Theatre under the mills. Its rugby league team looks like finishing third in the Superleague, while Halifax Town, which fell out of the Football League five years ago, has returned this season in such rampant

form that the town now hopes for promotion.

Some of these contrasts in image are cruelly unjust. There are good things promised in Doncaster — with the help of European aid millions — some planned by the very councillors who have brought it into disrepute. There are serious problems in Halifax — especially the state of some of its schools — which the world tends to overlook since the council which runs them is called Calderdale rather than Halifax. But Halifax has the sense of a town that is flourishing and Doncaster of one that is languishing.

One small indication, but worth recording perhaps because my recent perambulations suggest a general rule: towns which are doing well always seem to have prominent maps of themselves at the railway station and liberally posted around the centre. Sure enough, Halifax does, and Doncaster doesn't.

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Patricia Hayes

Edna's many guises

IT WAS her starring role in Jeremy Sandford's 1971 television play *Edna the Inebriate* that finally focused the actress Patricia Hayes, who has died aged 80, in the public eye. Down and out, battered by life, the social services, parents and society, her cry "I am not the vagrant!" locked a surrealism of the streets into television's era of social realism.

In a career that began in the 1920s and continued into the 1990s Hayes ranged across television, radio, film and the theatre. She appeared in everything, Shakespeare, George Bernard Shaw, J B Priestley, Edgar Wallace and Alan Bennett. And, as a great comic character actress, she worked with most of the British comedians of the last half century.

In the late 1940s and early 1950s when radio comedy was a mass medium there was Ted Ray and Ray's *A Laugh*. Later came Arthur Haynes, Benny Hill and Frankie Howard. Comedians, she observed, were hard people to play with, because they wanted lines on a plate, and theirs were the laughs that mattered.

But if before Edna there was one part that identified her on the small screen, it was that of Mrs Cravat, in the television version of *Harold's Rolf Hour*. Mrs Cravat was an archetype, suspicious, truculent, forever retreating or being beaten back — into a private world of resentments, grudges and mad routine.

What Hayes did, with the assistance of Tony Hancock and scriptwriters Galton and Simpson was sketch out, in just a handful of scenes, a character from Dickens, and relocate her in another country, that of Hancock's Macmillan-era lower middle class bohemianism. She also took Mrs Cravat into the affluence of society — if only via an egg commercial.

Hayes also played in Dickens on screen in Alberto Cavalcanti's *Nicholas Nickleby* in 1947 and Christine Eddard's *Little Dorrit* four decades later. Other film appearances included *Candide* (1949), *The Battle of Britain* (1959) and *The Steel* in 1958. In Ron Howard's *Willow* (1988) she was wonderfully (or surprisingly) cast as the good witch.

Patricia Hayes was born in Camberwell, south London, the eldest child of George Hayes, an Irish protestant,

who took a job which he loathed as a minor civil servant. He converted to Catholicism upon marrying her mother, Florence. A tiny, sickly baby at birth, Hayes spent a year in a nursing home, and it was 16 months before she went home. As an adult she was just four foot nine inches tall.

Hayes attended the Sacred Heart School in Wandsworth, and her stage-struck mother pressured her on to the stage as a 12-year-old. She went on to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art — winning, in 1928, the Bancroft Medal.

Out of RADA she appeared in J M Barrie's *The Half Hour*, as a maid. A decade in repertory theatre followed: she even played Shylock, complete with a beard. In 1933 she played the boy in *Henry V* and a fairy in *Midsummer Night's Dream* at Stratford's Shakespeare Memorial Theatre and then in 1938, J B Priestley offered her the role of Ruby Birtle, the maid, in *When We Are Married*. It was a role that established her.

She did not have that many opportunities to bring her natural geniality into her parts

She started in radio in the late 1930s, and it saved her, she recalled. Apart from comedy, her greatest success in that medium was probably in a double act with the future *Carry On* actor Charles Hawtrey: she played Henry, in the Children's Hour series *Norman and Henry Bones*, *Boy Detectives*.

On television from the late 1940s, she featured in shows such as Johnny Speight's *Till Death Do Us Part*, its sequel *In Sickness And In Health*, *The World Of Beachcomber* and *Fat And Dandy*. She returned to Stratford, and the Royal Shakespeare Company, in 1974. She was Maria in *Twelfth Night*, a witch in *Macbeth*, and with Nicol Williamson. There were certain rules about her work, she once noted: she would never turn down a job, or ask for too much money, or delude herself that someone else couldn't do the work — and



Actress of depth... Patricia Hayes appeared in everything, from Shakespeare to Benny Hill

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she would never get too many of the laughs.

In 1938 she met, and a year later married a fellow actor, Valentine Cogens-Brooke. She had three children, but their relationship, interrupted by the war, ended soon afterwards. Her family, she observed, were the most impor-

tant thing in her life. She is survived by her two daughters and son.

Nigel Fountain
Peter Cotes writes: In many of her roles Patricia Hayes exuded the atmosphere of a certain kind of London. This could

mean gossips and razor-tongued drabs, but the reality was rather different. She was a likeable woman, optimistic and a good sort, even if she did not have that many opportunities to bring that natural geniality into her parts.

Her success in *Edna the Inebriate* Woman changed her

casting, and the way she was perceived, for she was an actress of depth. Edna was one of the fragments of humanity with whom all too many viewers were able to identify.

Patricia Hayes, actress, born December 22, 1908; died September 19, 1998

Susan Barrantes

Horsewoman who bolted

BEING the mother of the Duchess of York is not necessarily every woman's most favoured fantasy. For Susan Barrantes, who has died in a car crash at the age of 61, it was a reality and one that sat well with a personality which was spiritedly and stridently suited to the polo field, jet aircraft and the world's depleted stock of princes, princesses, counts, countesses, pretenders to thrones and others in the international fast social lane.

She was born Susan Wright, one of four children, and raised at Bridgewater House in Lincolnshire. It was the world of pre-war country society. Her mother Doreen was from an Anglo-Irish family — they had an estate near Dublin — while her father, Fitzherbert Wright, after a spell with the 15th/9th Hussars went into commercial agriculture.

The young Susan grew up in Lincoln and Ireland, and attended school with Frances Shand-Kyde, future mother of Diana, Princess of Wales. By the mid-1950s she had gravitated into the London society of the "Chelsea set" era. As a debutante in the times when the monarch still did such things, she was presented to the Queen.

Then, with the speed with which debts were then dispatched, she met, and in January 1956 married, at St Margaret's Westminster, Major Ronald Ferguson. They went to live in Lowood, near Sunninghill Park and in 1959 to Dummer, in Hampshire.

But in the early 1970s, after nearly two decades of marriage to Ferguson, Prince Charles's polo manager, and having had two daughters, Jane and Sarah, she met the handsome Argentinian, Hector Barrantes, who not only swept off most of the prizes on the field but also swept off Mrs Ferguson. She and Ferguson were divorced. By late 1973 she had left for Argentina, and became Mrs Barrantes.

The lives of Sarah and Jane were shadowed by the rupture. Sarah was 13. When she was an adult, she and her mother talked, on the telephone every week and saw each other four or five times a year when Mrs Barrantes paid her regular visits to Britain; but as children the two girls saw little of her.

This year, Susan Barrantes was quoted as saying: "It has been a mother's agony watching the treatment of Sarah. Oh God, I came to Argentina to escape all that. Have the girls been victims? Of course they have. But I'm not going to talk about it." At the time of her departure from her children, her concern was not

so apparent. Much of British society turned its back on her.

When her daughter's marriage to Prince Andrew was announced there had been additional complications. The 1982 Falklands War was still fresh in the public — and tabloid — memory. Argentinian polo players, especially Hector Barrantes, were not overly welcome on British fields. It was questioned whether she should attend the wedding, particularly since Andrew had fought in the Falklands. Hector Barrantes, meanwhile, was at pains to deny he had volunteered to fight for Argentina. He maintaining that he and his wife had been in America for the entire war.

For the most part, Susan Barrantes was content to be part of the aristocratic polo set in Buenos Aires, which included Baroness Francesca von Thielmann, who recently published Susan Barrantes' book *Polo*. The woman once called "the bolter" for running away from her British husband lunged herself into its



Spirited... Barrantes

promotion campaign. She also published, in Argentina, *Estancias and Argentina From The Air*.

She needed the money, because latterly life had not been kind to her. Hector Barrantes, who had been described as the love of her life, died of cancer in 1990, six months after the condition had been detected. For more than 15 years they had both built up Estancia El Pucara, a farm 300 miles away from the Argentinian capital. She sold half of it to Australian tycoon Kerry Packer. If there was another love, apart from the children she announced her devotion to, it was for horses and breeding polo ponies.

At the time of her death, she was also running a television production company in Buenos Aires.

Dennis Barker
Susan Barrantes, horsewoman, born June 8, 1937; died September 19, 1998

Antonio Núñez Jiménez

Providing the groundwork for Castro's revolution



Castro's comrade... Núñez Jiménez

PROFESSOR Antonio Núñez Jiménez, who has died aged 75, was a distinguished Cuban geographer who played a central role in Fidel Castro's revolutionary government in its early years. With the deaths in the past year of Carlos Rafael Rodríguez and Manuel Piñero Losada, only a handful of the important figures of the heroic period of the revolution — apart from the Castro brothers — now survive.

Núñez Jiménez was a man of enormous charm and energy, a man who would not naturally have been drawn into government except in revolutionary times. He had joined Che Guevara's guerrilla column rather belatedly in December 1958, helping the Argentine guerrilla leader to plan the attack on the city of Santa Clara. Núñez had been working as a university professor there, and was detailed off to negotiate the withdrawal of the garrison of the dictator Fulgencio Batista.

He was already known by name to Guevara through his

pioneering textbook, *Geografía de Cuba*, first published in 1954. This had been used by the guerrillas as their guide to the different parts of the island they were seeking to liberate. It was particularly useful to Guevara who had no previous first-hand knowledge of Cuba.

On arrival in Havana, on the morning of victory in January 1959, Guevara was put in charge of the Cabaña fortress, with responsibilities for judging and executing the collaborators and torturers of the Batista era. Núñez Jiménez became his deputy, and helped to introduce the Argentinian to the niceties of Havana life. Unattached to any political party, though both on the extreme left, the two men were ideologically in tune. Núñez shared Guevara's enthusiasm for the liberation movement in Algeria, and for making links with the emerging Third World. Both men were instrumental in securing a close relationship for the revolutionary regime with the Soviet Union.

With his intimate knowledge of the Cuban rural scene, Núñez Jiménez was the obvious candidate to draft the new government's first agrarian reform law in May 1959. Only Fidel and Che Guevara knew its details before it was published. The new law set the tone for the regime, and was to have revolutionary implications for the rest of Latin America over the following 30 years.

Its aim was to make radical changes in the structure of the country's land-holdings, although, as Hugh Thomas points out in his history of the revolution, "the reform was in fact really political in intent rather than strictly economic, since it gave to the government a powerful instrument by which it could arbitrarily impoverish or ruin its enemies". That instrument was INRA, the Agrarian Reform Institute, and Núñez Jiménez became its first director. INRA effectively ran the country during the first chaotic years.

Based in an office block overlooking the Plaza de la

Revolución, built as Batista's City Hall, INRA duplicated all the important ministries of government. Fidel was formally its president, and Guevara ran its department of industries. Later the Central Bank was brought under INRA's control, with Guevara as its president and Núñez as his deputy.

IN DECEMBER 1959, Núñez was sent by Castro to tour western Europe in search of loans. He was notably unsuccessful, possibly because of pressure from the United States. Yet support came from surprising quarters. When he told the Spanish president, Francisco Franco, that Cuba was in some difficulty because the US was demanding compensation for land seized under the terms of his agrarian reform law, Franco is said to have replied: "Don't pay them a penny, not a penny". Later, in 1960, Núñez had better luck in Moscow, where he bought 30 new factories, plus the technicians to run them.

In October 1960, after President Eisenhower had announced an embargo on trade with Cuba, Núñez announced the nationalisation of nearly 400 large private enterprises on the island, including all the banks, 18 distilleries, 61 textile mills, 16 rice mills, 13 large stores, and 11 cinemas.

The heroic phase of the revolution was soon over, and in 1961 INRA's powers were reduced to those of a simple ministry of agriculture. The revolutionary government began to create more orthodox structures through which to run the country. Núñez left INRA and took up an ornamental job as president of the Academy of Sciences. Later he took up a more congenial post as vice-minister of culture.

He was by training a geographer, not an economist, and he had little natural aptitude for organisation. According to an early French visitor, René Dumont, who wrote a critical but friendly book about Cuba's economic development, Núñez Jiménez would have been "better fit-

ted to organise a meeting or ride a horse, banners in the wind, [or] to occupy the territory of the United Fruit Company, than to organise, rationally, the socialist sector of agriculture."

Yet as an independent leftist who knew the Cuban countryside well — and who got on well with both Fidel and Guevara — he had played a crucial role in creating and promoting Cuba's irreversible land reform. He just wasn't very good at running it.

He was an enchanting companion and an indefatigable speaker and writer. He had been at Havana university with Castro, and, although somewhat withdrawn from government, he remained one of his closest friends. He had long been preparing a multi-volume history of the Cuban revolution, said to be a hymn to Fidel.

Richard Gott
Antonio Núñez Jiménez, geographer and revolutionary, born 1923; died September 13, 1998

A Country Diary

HORSEY, NORFOLK: It rose from the stubble, its swept-back wings ploughing the north-westerly breeze with effortless grace, while its long loose and deeply knotted tail seemed to sail behind almost on an independent trajectory, like a pair of free-flapping streamers. It was a red kite — a bird of prey that's served, almost more than any other, as a barometer of British attitudes towards nature in the last half millennium. In the medieval period this scavenger of carcasses and offal was an abundant urban dweller and protected by royal statute for its refuse-disposal services. But in the mid-sixteenth century the kite was bracketed with other "knoy-

full Fowles and Vermyn" and a price placed on its head. A bounty of just a penny a beak was enough to initiate a steady decline and by the nineteenth century the campaign of persecution received further support from the development of the breech-loading gun and the Victorian preoccupation with the arts of the taxidermist. Year by year, the red kite, until in 1903 its total population was about five pairs in central Wales. Since then, however, the gradual growth of environmental concern has been paralleled by a recovery in kite fortunes. In 1989 this was given dramatic help when the old Nature Conservancy

Council and the RSPB started a release programme using Spanish and Swedish birds in England and Scotland respectively. This year the newly established colonies, numbering 100 pairs, have reared 198 offspring and kites have probably not been so numerous since the mid-nineteenth century. The bird I saw in Norfolk, which was originally tagged and released in the English Midlands, is a palpable and graceful symbol of this nationwide success. I'm looking forward to the day when they are so common that they pinch scraps off our lawn and breed again in London's Gray's Inn, as they did in the eighteenth century.

MARK COCKER

Birthdays

Curly Ambrose, cricketer, 35; Candy Atherton, Labour MP, 43; Charles Clarke, MP, 48; Leonard Cohen, poet, 64; Rhiannon Chapman, former director, the Industrial Society, 63; Shirley Conran, novelist and superwoman, 68; Liam Gallagher, pop singer, 26; Rose Garrard, sculptor and mixed media artist, 52; Sir John Hoddinott, chief constable, Hampshire, 54; Stephen King, novelist, 50; Sir Hugh Lloyd-Jones, Greek scholar, 76; Simon Mayo, broadcaster, 40; Bill Murray, actor, 48; Sarah Thane, director of programmes, ITV, 47; Prof Bernard Williams, philosopher, 68; Jimmy Young, broadcaster, 75.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

Bath City FC Supporters' Take-over — Mr Keith Foster, an apology: On March 10, 1998, we published an article about Keith Foster and Bath City FC which wrongly stated that Mr Foster was chairman of the club in November 1997, when it faced substantial financial problems. The article therefore suggested that Mr Foster was responsible for these problems. We accept that these suggestions are untrue, and that in fact Mr Foster proposed the solution to the club's financial problems by suggesting that the Supporters' Club should form a new board to run Bath City FC. We apologise to Mr Foster for any embar-

assment caused by our article.

ON PAGE 5, Guardian Education, September 15, we chose as children's book of the week, *Kelp*, by Linda Aronson (Macmillan £2.99), for young people between 11 and 15. We spoiled it somewhat by calling the author (version a) Avonson, (version b) Avonson. Linda Aronson's book can be ordered from the Guardian Culture-shop, freephone 0500 600102.

IN THE Space supplement, published with some editions on September 18, we gave a wrong telephone number to call for tickets for the 100% Design 1998 event at Earls Court 2. The correct number

is 0171 381 2993. Profuse apologies to the person who took all the stray calls.

A GRAPHIC on page 12, September 18, gave the location of a near miss between two jets over Essex, as Brentford, instead of Brentwood.

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Death Notices

BRADY, Ann, (Court House), 800 Ann Street, Ann, aged 82, died 15th September peacefully in Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge. Her daughter, Mrs. Ann Brady, and many friends and family were present at her funeral. Burial took place in the churchyard of St. Andrew's Church, Cambridge, on 19th September at 11.30am. Family flowers accepted. Donations to the Cambridge Hospice may be sent to: Christ Church, Cambridge, CB2 3RQ. Tel: 01223 350000.

ELIJAH, Michael, ARISA, FRISL, passed away peacefully on 17th September, 1998, aged 70 years. Body moved by family to Woodvale Crematorium (South Chapel), Little Road, Brighton on Friday 19th September at 11.30am. Family flowers accepted. Donations to the Brighton Hospice may be sent to: Brighton Hospice, East Sussex, BN1 7TL. Tel: 01273 300000.

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Chancellor's elixir formula is proving far more efficacious than many critics would have us believe

Hands off, he's doing magic



Larry Elliott

GORDON Brown likes to start his speeches with a joke, and one of his favourites before it was mothballed through overuse was the one where the newly appointed chancellor is handed three envelopes by his predecessor and told to open them only if things looked seriously bad.

The full majesty of the joke loses something on paper, but the punchline is that, after trying in vain the remedies in envelopes one and two, the custodian of the nation's finances opens number three. The message inside says: "Prepare three envelopes."

Some of the talk recently from trade unionists, City economists and business leaders has suggested that Brown ought to make sure his pen is full of ink. The economy, it is said, is collapsing and the Chancellor is to blame.

All sorts of remedies have been proposed to rectify this dire state of affairs. Fiscal policy should be tightened so that interest rates should be cut, the Bank of England's monetary policy should be reigned in to take account of more than inflation, the monetary policy committee should be purged of "pointy-headed" academics and replaced by people who know about the "real economy", the Government should say that it is joining the single currency so that the pound falls, and so on and so on.

There are two points to be made here. One is that Britain is not actually in recession — as shown by last week's figures for unemployment and retail sales.

The second is that within the parameters it has laid out for itself the Government's handling of the economy has been remarkably adept.

Any criticism of Brown should concentrate on those self-imposed limits rather than the tactical decisions taken subsequently.

Yet most of those who believe that the economy is going to hell in a handcart approve of central bank independence, tight control of spending, low taxation and the liberalisation associated with globalisation.

The Chancellor makes no bones about his orthodox macroeconomic policies, nor that the sole aim of them is to give him the breathing space from the financial markets in order to bring about wide-ranging microeconomic changes aimed at boosting employment, productivity and opportunity.

There is, he insists, no contradiction between pleasing the City on one hand, and helping the poor on the other. In fact, the first is necessary to achieve the second.

Given what has happened

to Labour governments in the past, Brown's approach has a compelling logic. You can have the best intentions in the world, but they count for nothing if the economy is lurching from crisis to crisis.

So far, so good. The problem — as Brown's orthodox critics see it — is that, having put in place a sensible framework for economic policy, he has made a hash of things.

In fact, the opposite is true. If there is anything wrong with economic policy, it is that the assumptions underlying it are wrong, not that implementation is awry.

In particular, the assumption that control of inflation will lead to the discovery of a magic growth elixir is wrong, and it is wrong, not that implementation is awry.

It is one of the dishonesties of our politicians to pretend that all recessions are world recessions while all recoveries are UK recoveries

lation than at any time since the 1930s. The Chancellor was in Japan last week, where the people are experiencing falling prices but the economy is contracting at an alarming rate.

Similarly, the Government is right to scoff at those who blame the closure of the Fujitsu plant in the North-east on the high pound. Fujitsu is closing because the world price of standard microchips has collapsed. Globalisation has encouraged massive over-production, and with supply exceeding demand the price has inevitably tumbled.

This, of course, does not mean that the Government is wrong to be concerned about the loss of jobs in the hi-tech industry.

It is one of the little dishonesties of all politicians to pretend that all recessions are world recessions while all recoveries are British recoveries.

Labour's bad luck has been to sign up for globalisation as the problems of multinational capital calling the shots are being brutally exposed

eries. Labour's misfortune has been to sign up for globalisation just as the problems of allowing multinational capital to call the shots in the world economy are being brutally exposed.

The Chancellor, speaking in Japan last week, said that what the world needed was not less globalisation but better globalisation. His speech

— and the earlier G7 summit which he helped to broker — stressed that the West should take a pragmatic approach to the use of capital controls, and he was insistent that macroeconomic policy should be focused on boosting growth rather than on reducing inflation.

That looks like progress to me. If growth is to be given a higher priority and the ludicrous excesses of globalisation reined in, then I am all for it. Britain may, as a result, avoid a full-scale recession, and the world economy may become a safer, more stable place.

It is hard to see how 1999 can now be anything other than a tough year for the economy. Although the Treasury has not published any forecasts for six months, it has privately scaled down estimates of growth next year. The average of the latest independent forecasts shows gross domestic product expanding at 1.2 per cent next year, and the estimate is coming down all the time as the world economic outlook worsens.

However, this does not mean Britain is on course for a repeat of 1974-75, 1980-81 or 1990-92. There is every reason to hope that the slowdown may be relatively short and shallow. Why is that?

Well, looking at the three recessions of the past 25 years, it is clear that the authorities were either pretty powerless to prevent the crisis, as in 1974-75, or exacerbated it with excessive decisions — as in 1980-81 and 1990-92, when the economy was crucified by over-restrictive monetary policies.

This time, an easing of both monetary and fiscal policy should ensure that the downside risk for the UK is limited. The pound is already falling on the foreign exchanges, and that trend will continue.

The Bank of England has indicated that the next move in interest rates will be down, and increases in public spending that come into force next spring will arrive at the right time to give the economy a counter-cyclical boost.

It would be highly desirable for the Bank to cut rates next month, thereby reversing June's wholly needless increase which was prompted by concerns about earnings growth that have subsequently proved to be utterly groundless.

The increase in earnings in the spring was a function of one-off bonuses, not a generalised pick up in wages — something pointed out at the time by Professor Robin Morris.

That said, the monetary policy committee has otherwise made a pretty good fist of things. Hitting the inflation target has required real interest rates to be higher than is good for the economy, in my view, but given the system it is operating under, the Bank has not gone in for overkill.

The one smart thing Brown could do to help ease policy would be to change the inflation target from the retail price index to the harmonised European measure. Why would that help? First, because inflation is



lower on that measure — 1.5 per cent instead of 2.5 per cent — and, second, because it would intensify speculation about early British entry into the monetary union, thereby bringing down the value of the pound. The fact that there is no prospect, fortunately, of early entry into monetary union is irrelevant.

One further point. Last

week's fall in the unemployment figures at a time when the economy is slowing suggests the Government's welfare to work strategy may be having a beneficial impact on the labour market.

In many respects — the generous settlements for health and education, the redistribution in the two Budgets, the attempt to revive poor hous-

ing estates, for example — Labour has been a lot more radical than it has generally been given credit for.

If, as looks likely, macroeconomic policy becomes more expansionary and interventionist as a result of the crisis of globalisation, all well and good. There is no need for the Chancellor open that third envelope just yet.

Russia must put bread before theory

Debate

Meghnad Desai

AS THEY face the crunch, the Russians are not short of advice proffered by lenders in the West. Yet the International Monetary Fund, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the G7 have not been accurate in their predictions or effective in their prescriptions so far. Undaunted, they are ready with more advice for Russia.

The G7 believes the danger is that Russia may go protectionist, or even worse back to good old Leninist economics. So it is insisting that Russia continue on the path of liberalisation, not further debase its currency and go behind some fortress of tariffs.

Russia's problems, the G7 argues, stem from its inability to service foreign debt or maintain the value of the rouble.

But Russians also have a domestic economy that is malfunctioning and the G7 is showing no interest in that. The fact that millions of people have not been paid by the state or may face a very bleak winter is of no concern to the West. The fraud that Yeltsin has perpetrated on his own citizens has not been charged against him by Clinton, Kohl or Blair. They care only about their own money.

From Moscow, it looks different. The West may value Russia only for its negative virtue of possessing lethal nuclear arms, but the Russians have to worry about finding bread to eat.

Hence, the best thing that can happen to Russia is everything the IMF and the G7 do not want. It would also be the best thing for the world economy. This would be to grant Russia a holiday from liberalisation until it gets its domestic economy reconstructed, like Japan or China, it could be allowed to concentrate on its own backyard for a while. When this is completed Russia can gradually re-enter the world economy.

Consider the facts. Russia was rushed headlong into liberalisation by economists who had no knowledge of the country's history or institutions. They hurriedly began fitting Russia into their macroeconomic models, urging credibility as the main concern of macro-policy.

WHAT they forgot was that Keynesian or even New Classical macroeconomics presumes a strong and functioning state. It presumes law and order. Fiscal tools depend upon a citizenry which pays its taxes.

Behind simple national income identities are stable public institutions — civil servants who do their jobs reasonably honestly. Cheques that do not bounce and banks that do not join in capital flight illegally.

The Soviet Union had much of this, although it was stagnating in many ways. Yeltsin failed to put the fiscal ma-

chine in order. He did not restore law and order. While the IMF and the EBRD economists were agonising about money supply targets and budget deficits, not once did they ask this basic question: Is there rule of law in Russia?

That is still the question which should have priority. Russia needs to restore its state apparatus because even the most free of markets presumes a law-abiding country where contracts are honoured — and some of these contracts are made by the state with its employees. To do that, Russia needs to catch up with the salary arrears due to all those who have been working honestly. Their back pay, worth less than before, should be paid in a lump sum. If only to restore faith in contracts.

Of course, the G7 will throw up its hands in horror, saying this will cause hyperinflation. Russia is suffering not from a glut of money, however, but a shortage. People in their millions unemployed, living on barter or credit. They need their cash if only to be able to resume normal exchange. Prices may rise as this happens, leading to a further erosion of purchasing power. But the large backlog of unpaid cash will boost the economy.

HYPERINFLATION is likely but not inevitable because after the first large cash dollop, the state can get back to work. There will be a natural deceleration in money supply growth. But even if hyperinflation does happen, it is not the worst prospect. Countries in Latin America and Russia itself have lived through hyperinflation and survived.

Starvation induced by mass unemployment is much worse. What led to Nazism in Germany was not the hyperinflation of 1923-24 but the mass unemployment of the 1930s. Forcing Russia into starvation by insisting that it balance its budget or shore up the exchange rate of the rouble, so that the western banks can pay their shareholders and not suffer for their misjudgments as they deserve to, would be playing with much worse than fire.

So Russia must give the honest workers their back pay and if prices go up, so be it. They will still enjoy a bit of a windfall and boost the economy. Indeed, give them an additional supplement by way of the interest owed on their unpaid salaries. Why not? It is their economy and, if that good is it that it can pay the bank chiefs back what they foolishly lent them?

After a couple of years, when law and order are restored and there is a flourishing domestic economy, Russia can resume its liberal course. It can benefit from such a move, but only after the health of its population has been restored. A healthy Russia is better for the world. Even the bankers may get some money back so that they can mis-invest elsewhere.

Meghnad Desai is a Labour peer

A left turn down the radical road

Lib Dem fiscal policy will cause shudders in Labour's ranks, argues JONATHAN CALDER

LIFE for third parties is seldom easy or fair. The Liberal Democrats telling anyone who would listen that they were radicals. But, opposed as they were by Margaret Thatcher and Michael Foot, for them to adopt any halfway sensible policy was bound to make them look like a centre party.

Today, as the Liberal Democrats meet in Brighton, their leader is warning them not to position themselves to the left of Labour. Given the drift of govern-

ment policy, it is hard to see how they can avoid it.

Take the economics section of the new policy document *Moving Ahead* — "Towards a Citizen's Britain". It is loaded with enough talk of stability to warm Gordon Brown's heart, but when it is debated tomorrow it will be clear that its contents are more radical than anything he has contemplated.

An increase in allowances to take those earning under £10,000 out of income tax altogether is proposed. Financed in part by

a 50 per cent rate on incomes over £100,000, this is presented as a reversal of the Inland Revenue's historic ennoblement upon low earners. Yet it represents a degree of redistribution that would alarm a Labour Party whose harvest declared ambition is a 10p tax band.

Throughout the document there is a subtle but clear intention to pull the Liberal Democrats' radicalism, the penny on the standard rate to fund extra education spending, survives. On the other there is a sense of crisis about the legitimacy of taxation and even an attempt to devise a fiscal policy which does without it.

These qualms about taxation are met by shifting the burden away from income and on to undesirable activities such as pollution, and by attempting to make public services more accountable. An annual Citizen's Tax Contract will be published to detail service standards and wider use of performance-related pay is envisaged.

No Liberal will argue against openness and accountability, and the left in Britain has traditionally confused political radicalism with the defence of producer interests. But one does wonder about this human cost of this culture of permanent revolution in the public services.

The attempt to reinvent fiscal policy without relying upon income tax arises

in the context of Liberal Democrat support for British membership of economic and monetary union. EMU retains an almost religious significance for them but they now recognise that it will not mark the end of economics. Ten steps are proposed to stabilise the British economy in the run-up to union and to give the Chancellor some levers to pull afterwards.

Chief among them is a call for compulsory second pensions and for government to have the power to vary the minimum contribution. The hope is that increasing this will prove more acceptable to voters than increasing income tax. The idea is ingenious, but whether someone struggling to pay a mortgage on a reduced income, say, will take kindly to it remains to be seen. There is a note of Singaporean paternalism here which could prove unpopular.

THIS fiscal policy would operate under an independent central bank, something Liberal Democrats have long favoured. But bankers — British or European — once in charge of monetary policy tend to behave very like bankers. In a world where Eddie George refers to what we used to call falling unemployment as "an over-tight labour market", fiscal policy may always resemble running up a down escalator.

Moving Ahead went out to members for consulta-

tion over the summer and its economic ideas have been well received. The most significant conference amendment points to the negative impact of globalisation and seeks to ameliorate it via community economics.

Liberal Democrat councils are already showing great interest in these ideas. Eastleigh is sponsoring a credit union. South Somerset, which contains Paddy Ashdown's Yeovil constituency, is exploring ways of favouring local purchasing. And everyone, it seems, is interested in local trading schemes.

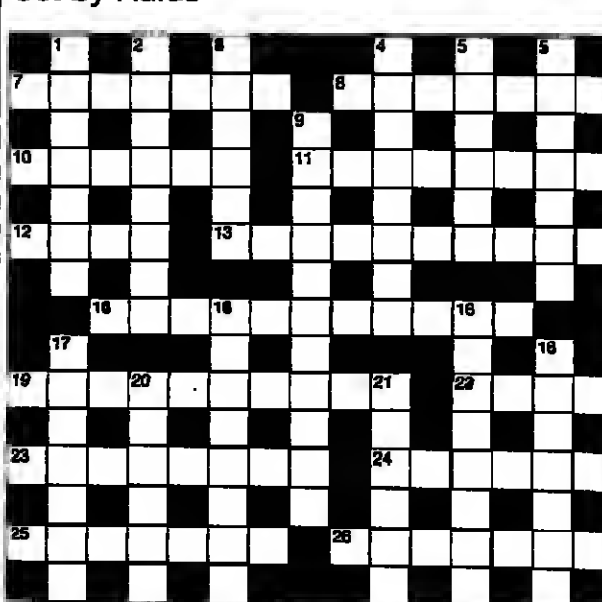
Liberals have always had a weakness for offbeat economics but this strategy of harnessing community activism is essentially pragmatic. It seems set to follow environmentalism into the mainstream of the party's economic thinking. If the party's instinctive internationalism finds expression in devising ways of nations co-operating to curb the excesses of the global market it will be richer still.

In the meantime, the party of Keynes is making an honourable attempt to reassert the role of fiscal policy in an unsympathetic world. The spectre that haunts it must be a return to the inter-war years when the Liberals had the ideas but it was a Labour Party crippled by economic orthodoxy that won the elections.

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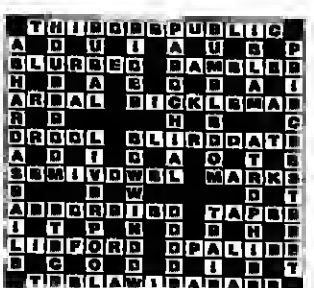
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- 7 No way to address a lady (4,3)
- 8 A zealot — in fact, a loony (7)
- 10 Useful preparation for a good upbringing (5)
- 11 Period of maritime decline (6)
- 12 An element of jazz in classical music (4)
- 13 Late? Punctual? Or very punctual? (4,2,4)
- 14 Slam the coin frantically into it (4,7)
- 15 Justifies being a few points out (10)
- 22 Staple food? (4)
- 23 Raised voice in row on river (8)
- 24 Fear of a mischievous child? (6)
- 25 Lured, sailors say, to these islands? (7)

- 26 Hint about one shortcoming in the cooking (7)

Down

- 1 She hasn't a leg to stand on (7)
- 2 Censorious to a dangerous degree? (8)
- 3 Started with pain (6)
- 4 Top dressing on Egyptian soil? (8)
- 5 Trap is set for a criminal (6)
- 6 Raising one's hat to a girl presents a problem (7)
- 9 Not an offence, but consult a solicitor about it (5,6)
- 15 Understood vessel could be reserved (8)
- 16 Avoidance of supposedly unhealthy habits (8)
- 17 They may well ruin a sea trip (7)
- 18 Bill given by a retailer? (7)



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20 A row about a pig — say it isn't yours (6)
21 Arranged to leave (3,3)



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Butt sent off for second time in four days



Aerial supremacy... Arsenal's captain Tony Adams outjumps Jaap Stam to head the first goal past a falling Peter Schmeichel at Highbury yesterday

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Premiership: Arsenal 3 Manchester United 0

Arsenal enforce the new order

David Lacey at Highbury sees the champions repeat their Charity Shield drubbing of an out-of-sorts Manchester United

ARSENAL made it abundantly clear to Manchester United yesterday that the title is not merely on loan to Highbury until Old Trafford wants it back. Showing signs of the form which brought the club a second Double last season, Arsène Wenger's team brushed past a listless, shapeless United side to repeat their 3-0 victory of the FA Charity Shield.

The absence of Emmanuel Petit, out after suffering an ankle injury during last Wednesday's Champions League game in Lens, simply confirmed the class of Patrick Vieira who virtually ran the match from start to finish.

The speed of another Frenchman, Nicolas Anelka, seriously exposed the slowness on the turn of Jaap Stam. But while Anelka scored Arsenal's second goal on the stroke of half-time, Tony Adams having given them an early lead, it was largely his proficiency combined with some excellent saves from Peter Schmeichel, which spared United an even heavier defeat.

To add to Alex Ferguson's

discomfort, Nicky Butt was sent off for the second time in successive matches. Four days earlier Butt had been shown a red card at Old Trafford after handling a goal-bound Barcelona shot in front of the United net, now he was dismissed by Graham Barber for bringing down Vieira on the edge of the penalty area.

Match stats		
	Arsenal	Man Utd
Possession	55%	45%
Attempts on target	7	4
Attempts off target	9	4
Corners	3	2
Fouls	15	13
Offsides	5	4
Bookings	2	1
Sendings-off	0	1

seven minutes into the second half.

The referee decided that this was serious foul play which denied the Arsenal man a scoring opportunity. However, the fact that Stam had been in a position to make an interception had Vieira stayed on his feet made the decision a harsh one.

Even the Arsenal manager said he would not have argued had Butt merely received a caution.

"According to the referee," said Ferguson, "it was a tackle from behind and Butt was the last man back. He was wrong on both counts."

Not that the United manager was prepared to blame the refereeing for his team's defeat. "The sending-off does not alter the fact that Arsenal were the better team," he admitted. "We were second best. There are some days when I can't find any excuses."

Certainly Manchester United seemed collectively out of sorts. Yet a team selection which had Butt and Roy Keane, two workhorses in central midfield, and Ryan Giggs partnering Dwight Yorke up front could have been designed to emphasise two of Arsenal's most enduring strengths.

Presumably the idea was that the speed of Giggs would test Adams while Yorke's ability to turn with the ball in tight situations would worry Martin Keown. All too often, however, the service to Yorke was aimed at his head when a

player of this type needs passes to feet. As a result the Arsenal centre-backs were scarcely tested.

Surprisingly, Ferguson did not bring on substitutes to improve the balance of his side. Ole Gunnar Solskjær, whose early partnership with Yorke had shown promise, stayed on the bench, along with Paul Scholes who admittedly has looked jaded after the World Cup. Teddy Sheringham, whose goals had wiped out Arsenal's 2-0 lead in last season's match before David Platt headed their winner, was not even among the substitutes.

Instead Ferguson left Jesper Blomqvist, the Swedish left-winger for whom United paid Parma £4.5 million, on for the duration. Yet only in the latter stages of the game, when Arsenal were starting to play out time, did Blomqvist make any sort of impression on the match.

This is a bad time for Manchester United's form to dip. Held to 3-3 by Barcelona after leading 2-0 they will resume their Champions League campaign against Bayern Munich in Bavaria on Wednesday week. Before that, however, there is the small matter of Liverpool's visit to Old Trafford this Thursday.

From the outset the brisk-

ness of Arsenal's passing and tackling looked like bringing them their fourth successive win against United. Dennis Bergkamp's form might be fitful just now but he still produced the touches to open up

space in the opposing defence. The opening goal arrived in the 14th minute after Blomqvist had fouled Lee Dixon on the right. Stephen Hughes's well-timed free-kick found Adams leaving Keane and ris-

ing above Stam to head past Schmeichel, who for once had been slow coming off his goal-line.

Just past the half-hour David Beckham gathered a pass from Yorke and from 30 yards drove a shot against the inside of David Seaman's left-hand post, leaving the Arsenal goalkeeper grateful to see the ball ricochet across the goalmouth to safety.

Had United kept the score to 1-0 at half-time they might have been able to salvage something from the game. But in the 45th minute Marc Overmars's through ball found Anelka spinning away from Stam to score at the second attempt. Schmeichel having saved his initial shot feet-first.

Butt's departure ended the game as a contest and when Anelka, this time put through by Bergkamp, shot wide that seemed to be that. Then Wenger brought on his latest signing, Fredrik Ljungberg, and within five minutes of coming off the bench the young Swede, set up by Overmars and Ray Parlour, had looped Arsenal's third goal high past Schmeichel.

Thus Charity Shield sunshine had brought a Charity Shield result. Manchester United must be impatient for the clocks to go back.

Anelka erases ghosts of Lens past

Vivek Chaudhary sees the Frenchman break his goal duck

"JUST boom! Like an assassin," said Emmanuel Petit instructively to his countryman Nicolas Anelka before the match, seeking to remedy his team-mate's recent lack of clinical finishing.

It proved sound advice for a man who has come under the spotlight recently for the goals he has missed rather than scored. Anelka's response on half-time led to a huge cheer of relief around Highbury where the faithful had grown concerned about the form of their strikers.

Few doubt the talent of Anelka and Dennis Bergkamp, nor their commitment and ability to turn defenders inside out. But there is also the small matter of putting the ball into the back of the net. Neither had scored until yesterday with the team managing to get off the mark in only three of their five Premier-league matches.

The Gunners paid a dear price last Wednesday in Lens for Anelka's poor finishing and all eyes were on the young Frenchman, handed the difficult task of filling Ian Wright's boots. As popular as he is with the fans, Anelka still has to convince them that he possesses a comparable finish.

However, with Bergkamp having his best performance this season, Arsène Wenger was relieved to announce afterwards: "We had our offensive power back."

Arsenal and Manchester United have in recent years become like two siblings who cannot stand the sight of each other, spending the entire time squabbling over who is going to get the family silver.

Arsenal's supporters wasted little time in notifying their friends from the north as to the identity of the current champions. Following yesterday's performance, it looks as if United are going to have their work cut out if they want to take the trophy back up the M1.

And yet... As Arsenal were cheered off the field, Anelka was already in the dressing room having been substituted 15 minutes from time. During a pulsating game he missed four clear-cut chances, poor showing for a striker surrounded by such creative talent.

THE Old Trafford legend Sir Bobby Charlton has come out in support of the takeover of Manchester United by BSkyB, believing it represents progress.

"It does not matter who the chairman is or who owns the club," he said yesterday. "All the supporters are bothered about is the team and if they are good enough to be proud of. Manchester United has such a vast tradition and who owns the club is not the be all and end all."

The key clashes

	Adams	Stam
Minutes on pitch	90	90
Goals	1	0
Goal attempts	1	0
Passes attempted	10	7
Success rate	100%	29%
Tackles attempted	2	6
Success rate	50%	100%

	Overmars	Beckham
Minutes on pitch	90	90
Goals	0	0
Goal attempts on target	1	0
Goal attempts off target	0	2
Passes attempted	19	20
Success rate	90%	85%

	Bergkamp	Yorke
Minutes on pitch	90	90
Goals	0	0
Goal attempts on target	1	0
Goal attempts off target	4	0
Passes attempted	23	15
Success rate	88%	83%

Exodus

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Clogger

A sideways glance at soccer



Their kit don't fit
No. 46 Stephen Hughes

It was a long time in coming, but Arsenal finally managed to get one at Leicester last week. A pair of shorts large enough to hold the youthful exuberance of their exciting strikers, that is.



The Nervous Non-Scoring XI They haven't got a league goal this season

Dennis Bergkamp Saving up a corker for his opener, no doubt
Pierluigi Casiraghi Never been your classic poacher, has he?
Kevin Davies Completely unfazed by 27.25m fees, honest
Stan Collymore Villa have really missed his prolific scoring
David Givens Fair, flamboyant — and not a goal in sight
Basilio Carbonte Non-scoring and non-trying save manager
Brian Laudrup Might do better if he was used on the pitch
Andy Cole Just needs a good run in the side to get going
Chris Sutton SAS days now slumping into SAG and SAD
Pierre van Hooijdonk Only shots aimed all the way from Holland
Mark Hughes No goals yet, but he has got four bookings

A life in pictures

Dean Saunders' tongue



1986 Brighton: tentative
1987 Oxford: United: uninhibited
1988 Derby County: tense
1991 Liverpool: exuberant
1992 Aston Villa: quizzical
1994 Wales: hopeful
1996 Nottingham Forest: experienced
1996 Sheffield: tired

Ask the experts

Which player had the most extreme political views? I have always been led to believe that one of the reasons Jackie Macgregor (father of the current player) was sold by Celtic was his avowed Marxism. He reportedly said that the East End of Glasgow would benefit much more from a dose of Marx than it ever would from the Pope. Similar reasons were held up for Celtic's willingness to sell Brian McClair (left) and Pat Nevin. *Alistair Smith, Glasgow*

On the right wing, Tommy Docherty would take some beating. Asked what he would do about football hooliganism, he replied: "Capital punishment". Interviewer: "You mean, of course, corporal punishment?" Docherty: "No, capital punishment." *Rob Burns, Leamington Spa*

Each week we print answers to a selected question. This week: Who was the first to perpetrate a trademark or choreographed goal celebration? *Alan Donkin, Southampton* Send answers and further questions to the address below, or post them to the Guardian's football bulletin board at football.guardian.co.uk/football/ask

State of the nation

South Africa

Population 32 million. Unlikely Cup winners. Moroka Swallows (1983, 1989, 1991) of Johannesburg, who started life in 1947 with the unpromising name of Corrugated FC. Pioneer Charlton had several South Africans on their books in the Fifties, including Stuart Leary and Eddie Firmani. A third, John Hewie, played in every shirt number for Charlton, and went in goal for the injured Mike Rose when Keith Peacock became the first ever substitute in English football in 1965. He was also the first "British" player to miss a penalty in the World Cup finals, playing for Scotland against France in 1968. Stranger in a strange land. Sean Dunne, once tipped as South Africa's hot young striker, was first-tracked to Germany nationality while at Karlsruhe, but failed to make the breakthrough. He was reported to be leaving Liverpool this season without playing in the first team. Important import Albert Johanneson, one of the first black players in the English league, starred all too briefly for Leeds in the 1960s, playing in the 1965 FA Cup final. He descended into alcoholism and died in obscurity in 1986. Forgotten man Bill Perry scored the last-minute winner for Blackpool against Bolton in the 1953 FA Cup final, but is usually

A-Z of British football

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... is for Forehead. A large one is the distinguishing characteristic of the bustling, old-style, British centre-forward. Classic usage: "The introduction of Hysen helped Liverpool cope with Wimbledon's aerial assaults directed at the ample FOREHEAD of Alan Cork."

overlooked as the hero of the match in favour of Stanley Matthews and Stan Mortensen, who scored a hat-trick. National converts. Players with a South African background who presented England during the apartheid years included Ipswich's Colin Viljoen (left, two caps), Gary Bailey (two) and Brian Stein (one). Contribution to world football. South Africa were the first country to travel to a different continent for an international, losing 1-0 to Argentina in Buenos Aires in 1906. Bolton utility man who would be the first name on an International Seafood XI. Mark Fish.

Refwatch

Neale Barry

Home town: Southport. Home town's other claims to fame: Steel, risqué schoolboy jokes. Occupation: Planner with British Steel. Trademark gesture: Kung-fu flailing of the arms after awarding free-kicks, the meaning of which was lost on everyone. Saturday's highlight: Scampering off for his half-time cup of tea, blowing his whistle as he went while the players were poised for a restart. Clearly inspired by the trumpet which sounds whenever the Dons win a corner. Brandishes cards in the manner of... Someone at one with the Sheffield Wednesday manager Danny Wilson, who branded his players "Fancy dancs" in midweek. Barry failed to caution anyone.

The gaffer tapes

"Even Maradona could not turn it around straight away." CUP's Ray Marford shows his shrewd eye for a player in a crisis.

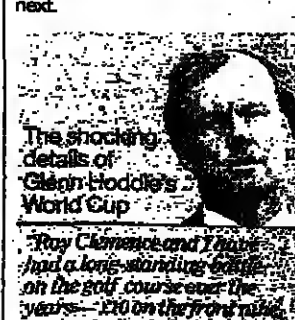
"They are not as good as the big boys." George Graham's blunt assessment of the league leaders Aston Villa.

"It's like dreaming a pop star wants to marry me." Dave Bassett's logical explanation for not wanting to think — or talk — about what Pierre van Hooijdonk will do next.

Off the park life



Come in a taxi, he must have come in a taxi... But why did it cost Andy Gray £75 in 1977? Post, fax or e-mail your answer to the address below to win your choice of this month's new video from the Football Book Club (0171-551 1006 for a catalogue). Please include a phone number. Last week's answer Jürgen Klinsmann, was announcing his departure to Bayern Munich in 1996. Winner Mike Hodgkins of Manchester



The shocking details of Glenn Hoddle's World Cup. Roy Clivett and I have had a long-standing feud on the golf course over the years — 200 on the first nine, then the back nine and so on for the game — and I was about four inches away from a difficult time for Glenn. He's now in a bit of a mess. Glenn Hoddle's World Cup story.

Football

Premiership: Liverpool 3 Charlton Athletic 3

Babb's face is the reddest

Ian Ross

THERE comes a point in every season when a manager or a player must dispense with any semblance of bravado and honestly address the decisions which they take on behalf of others.

As the Liverpool team slunk away to the sanctuary of the dressing-room, Roy Evans turned and glanced in the direction of Gérard Houllier: two men, one problem.

The eye contact was brief but it was probably long enough. When those in whom one has placed trust have betrayed one with such disgraceful relish, words can prove a useless tool.

Match stats

	Liv	Cha
Possession	58%	42%
Attempts on target	9	5
Attempts off target	8	12
Corners	5	2
Fouls	13	11
Offsides	1	1
Bookings	1	3
Sendings-off	0	0

Afterwards the Charlton manager Alan Curbishley pleaded for recognition for his side's contribution to a game which held excitement but contained too many errors. "Don't say Liverpool played badly; give us some credit," he asked with the knowing smile of a man who knew he was wasting his breath.

The point to be debated was not Charlton's fearless performance but Liverpool's ineptitude. It was a display so utterly hopeless as to cast a dark shadow over the idea that Liverpool might win the Premiership this season.

What comfort there was for Evans and Houllier was of the small-crumb variety.

Robbie Fowler returned after an absence of seven months and scored twice despite a lack of general fitness. Michael Owen proved that the penalty he won against Argentina in the World Cup was but one of many he will get from glib referees, and Patrick Bergner's new-found discipline was worthy of the highest praise. Apart from an undeserved point, that was it.

Liverpool will score dozens



Useful return... Robbie Fowler wheels away from Charlton's Sasa Ilic after putting Liverpool 3-2 in front

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of goals between now and May but it will be the number they sloppily concede that will shape their fate.

They were queuing up to contest the award for the least accomplished contributor but, despite the impressive claims of Steve Staunton — looks like Stan Laurel and plays like him too — and Steve Harkness — doesn't look like Graeme Souness but believes he can play like him — the runaway winner was Phil Babb, who was so undisciplined he was jeered as he made his way down the tunnel — the first thing he had found all day.

Babb was at the heart of all Charlton's best moments, constantly conceding possession while displaying the positional awareness of a blindfolded man in a hurricane.

As Curbishley pointed out, had his team taken all the chances gift-wrapped and lovingly presented by Babb and the buffoons to his left and right, Charlton would have won easily.

But, ridiculously, they would have lost to Fowler's fortuitously scrambled

second goal with eight minutes remaining had Babb not presented Steve Jones with an equaliser 90 seconds later.

After missing three very presentable openings Charlton finally poked a hole in Liverpool's tissue-paper defence after 24 minutes, when Richard Rufus climbed well to head home a John Robinson free-kick.

Fowler hauled his side level from the spot after Owen had tumbled — and twirled and twisted — over Rufus's leg. The problem was in those moments of panic when the

whole concept of Liverpool as a proficient unit began to fray at the edges. The senior professionals in their ranks could not summon up the guile to take responsibility and lead the less mature towards higher ground.

Clive Mendonca and Berger, the former precise, the latter spectacular, scored before both defences disintegrated to ensure a gripping finale. "We were not at our best today," said Houllier as if to proclaim that he has now mastered the very English art of utally understating matters.

Southampton 1 Tottenham Hotspur 1

Spurs frantic for order

Martin Thorpe

TOTTENHAM's football is limping on a swollen leg. The club's long-suffering supporters may soon be ready to accept anyone as the new manager, even the old enemy George Graham.

Shortly before Saturday's side slumped to a droopy draw against Southampton, the Leeds chairman Peter Risdale confirmed that he had been approached by Tottenham for permission to offer their managerial vacancy to the former Arsenal bungler. "It was rejected immediately," added Risdale, "and, as far as we're concerned, the matter is closed."

Spurs will feel differently whether to make a second attempt to lure Graham south. The Scot reportedly wants to return to London and on Saturday refused to say he would never leave Leeds.

At the moment the defence has more leaks than meetings of the FA International Committee and Premier League put together. In particular, Ramon Vega's awareness of opponent and ball continues to resemble that of a man wearing a blindfold.

On Saturday Nicola Bertl was again impersonating an over-paid, has-been Italian in midfield, while David Ginola interspersed bursts of brilliance with bursts of petulance aimed at any team-mate who passed to him badly or failed to pass to him at all.

Tottenham's highest failing, though, was their collective inability to beat the Premier League's bottom, and prior to Saturday, pointless team at a center. In the first half, especially, Southampton lacked not only confidence and cohesion but any sense that the game of football involves passing to team-mates.

It says much for the sad state of the Tottenham team

that David Jones's rag-bag army could have won the game themselves, especially when Mark Hughes dropped back and brought some sense and sanity to a flustered midfield.

In the end Spurs had to thank their 36-year-old goalkeeper coach Hans Segers for their point. The Dutchman stood in at the last minute because of illness to Exeter Bardsley and injury to Ian Walker and, despite playing his last Premiership game 2½ years ago, after which he was finally cleared of match-fixing, produced a series of high-class saves.

Southampton had already missed two slivers in the opening minutes before Spurs took control and went ahead when Ruel Fox turned sweetly to fire past Paul Jones. Ginola, Bertl, Colin Caldwell and Sol Campbell all spurned chances to extend the lead.

But Southampton came back and, on 64 minutes, notched the equaliser. Hughes's hopeful through-ball was deflected by a vaguer and vaguer as Matthew Le Tissier, ineffectual until then, brilliantly turned the Swiss and blasted home from inside the area.

Le Tissier was denied a second as Segers saved by his near post and he then produced a crucial block with his knees to deny Kevin Gibbens.

As Spurs' caretaker manager David Platt mischievously summed up: "Hans got us out of jail."



Le Tissier... point-saver

Derby County 2 Leicester City 0

Determined Derby soar with Schnoor

Mark Tallentire

IT is an odd state of affairs when the manager of a team still undefeated in mid-September appeals to the fans not to boo if things fail to go to plan, but these are unusual times for Derby County who, by virtue of this win, moved up, improbably, to second place.

Jim Smith was referring to the howls at half-time in Derby's 1-1 midweek draw with Manchester City but, if he knew how easily his team were going to take the three points on Saturday, he might

have saved himself the trouble.

"Playing Leicester you've got to be really strong, physically and mentally. In those circumstances I thought we were outstanding," said Smith later, before adding that he left the Italians Stefano Brando and Francesco Baiano on the bench as he did not consider this East Midlands conflict to be the time or place to try to regain form.

The decision was justified as his side gave a strong running performance to take a stranglehold against a strangely subdued Leicester. The reward is Derby's best league placing

since the mid-Seventies. Though Emile Heskey and Tony Cottee were given short shrift throughout by a home defence in which the former Leicester player Spencer Prior was outstanding, the match could have taken a different course if the referee Graham Poll had not waved play on after Stefan Schnoor scored Robbie Savage in the area in the 11th minute. "I don't know what the linesman was doing," said Leicester's manager Martin O'Neill with some justification.

Leicester began to shape up only when Garry Parker came on after 55 minutes to

spread the play and O'Neill conceded his team looked short of firepower.

Derby, with Lars Bohinen at the centre of most things, were good value and, after Jacob Laursen's free-kick was deflected against the bar, they took the lead through Schnoor before half-time.

The midfielder, a free transfer from Hamburg in the summer, began the move in his own half and followed up to score from the edge of the area after good work from Dean Sturridge, who regained his feet and played the German in after a challenge by Frank Sinclair had the crowd

screaming for a penalty. Six minutes into the second half opportunistic finishing by Paul Wauchope put the game away. Again it moved Schnoor, whose cross found Rory Delap, who fired a low ball back into the middle for the striker to turn in.

Smith, who takes his team to Aston Villa on Saturday, when Derby could go top, said the objective is to qualify for Europe. "It would be a lovely old game if we won the league, although dreams happen. But it's that talking about second spot, it's a step nearer the 40-point mark; that's what's important."

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Leeds United 0 Aston Villa 0

All locked up without the hint of a key

David Lacey

AFTER Aston Villa, the early Premier League leaders, and Leeds United, the team lying third, had shared a goalless draw at Elland Road on Saturday which was about as entertaining as the mating ritual of giant turtles the idea that either might win the championship did not bear thinking about.

In fact George Graham, the Leeds manager, practically dismissed the notion out of hand. "Both of us could finish in the top six," he said. "But probably no better than that. We're not a championship team yet and I don't think Villa are either. Maybe we need two or three more quality players but where do you buy them? It's very difficult to sign players in the first month of the season, unless Newcastle have a clear-out."

Football managers can be great kidders but on this occasion Graham, who in an ear-

sensively since 1920. At the same time the fans will trust that Saturday's third scoreless draw in six league matches does not portend a return to the barren period which followed Graham's arrival two years ago, when Leeds failed to find the net in 19 matches out of 33.

The likelihood is that the opportunism of Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink, supported by teamwork and Lee Bowyer's perceptive touches, will again enable Leeds to punish the sort of flashy defending which saw them beat Derby County 5-0 at Pride Park in March. But on Saturday Harry Kewell, the Australian winger who had plagued opposing full-backs last season, looked heavily-legged and off form while Clyde Wijnhard, the Dutch replacement for Wallace, was not used at all.

Thus Leeds battered away fruitlessly at Aston Villa's unyielding defence, lacking the width to outflank it and the nous to outwit it. They came no closer to scoring than on the stroke of half-time when Ian Harte drove the ball past Mark Bosnich only to see it rebound from the far post, whereupon Bowyer dived full length to head the rebound against the crossbar.

John Gregory, the Villa manager, seemed surprised to learn that his team would not win the title this season. Given Gregory's record since he took over from Brian Little at the end of February one could hardly blame him. Under his management Villa have won 13 Premiership matches out of 17, drawn two and lost two. That is championship-winning form.

Watching Villa on Saturday, however, it was clear that Graham had a point. The signing of Paul Merson will go some way towards offsetting the loss of Dwight Yorke but he lacks the latter's shiftness to drag defences apart. Neither Merson nor Julian Joachim could produce anything to disturb the authority of the excellent Lucas Radebe at the heart of the Leeds defence, although there were moments when the carelessness of others might have given away simple goals.

Villa's best chance of winning the game came in the 87th minute when Robert Molenaar's attempt at trapping a long lob from Gareth Southgate on his chest saw the ball bounce loose to Joachim, who surged past the Dutch defender but shot wide with only Martyn to beat.

Graham grumbled about Villa's time-wasting and felt the referee Jeff Winter could have added another 10 minutes. Winter could have added 10 minutes and it would still have been goalless.

The one redeeming feature was further evidence of the potential of Gareth Barry, the 17-year-old who has replaced Steve Staunton in Villa's back three. Barry's cool control in defence offered a sharp contrast to the perceptive inadequacies of both attacks.

"If he wants to bring the ball down in our penalty box I won't knock it out of him," said Gregory. "I'll encourage it." Maybe there is hope for English football after all.

Nottingham Forest 0 West Ham United 0

Bassett and Redknapp run through the missing list

John Lawson

WHATEVER the match, Dave Bassett always ends up talking about his least favourite subject. Pierre van Hooijdonk, the missing Dutchman, continues to capture most of the limelight even though it is almost five months since he kicked a ball in anger for the Nottingham Forest manager.

But when it came down to the after-match analysis of a game that was something of a frenzied stalemate, missing personalities who might have made a difference warranted more than a passing mention.

West Ham's manager Harry Redknapp pointed to the likes of John Hartson, John Moncur, Neil Ruddock and half a dozen others, including Ian Dicks, who were unavailable to him.

Bassett himself is striving manfully to stabilise his team in the Premiership without the extra bit of class that the injured trio of Chris Bart-Williams, Ian Woan and Scot Gemmill can provide. And then, of course, there is Van Hooijdonk. "I don't want to talk about him, really," said Bassett but, when primed, he was as forthcoming as ever.

"No one at this club has had any contact with him since early August. Now he has told the local paper he is sorry and might want to come back but

he has not told me that. He is an employee of this club and as such we will always listen to what he has to say."

Bassett also revealed that, apart from "a bit of interest from Spain that has gone quiet" and an approach from Fenerbahce in Turkey, there had been no positive move for the 26 million-rated striker.

"I am sure he will never do anything like this again," he added. "I feel certain he is sitting in Holland now regretting his actions and actions. He is a very talented player and one who would be an asset to a lot of clubs."

Despite the tentative hint of reconciliation, it appears the club will not be Forest. Dressing-room resentment has built too great.

So, while Van Hooijdonk continued to lick his wounded pride on the other side of the North Sea, Forest just got the better of Redknapp's patched-up side without finding the necessary penetration.

Dougie Freedman, a £300,000 lightweight of a striker among today's million-pound commodities, had the best opportunity after coming off the bench. But, although he scooped the ball over Shaka Hislop, it went wide.

West Ham's best offering inevitably came from Ian Wright but Dave Bassett moved his 33-year-old frame to excellent effect and tipped the ball over.



Hitting the spot... Alan Shearer scores the first of his two goals for Newcastle as Coventry's Marc Edworthy fails to stifle his shot

Coventry City 1 Newcastle United 5

Shearer adds to the intrigue

Peter White

GORDON STRACHAN may have sensed this was not going to be his day when a power failure at home ruined his early-morning plans. A few hours later his Coventry players proved a real turn-off as Rudi Gullit's call for "sexy football" took on a new dimension.

Coventry were stripped bare and cruelly exposed, with Alan Shearer underlining the fact that, while he remains a Newcastle player, nobody will be able to question his commitment and enthusiasm. The England captain is still not sure what the future holds but, if he is allowed to leave St James' Park as part of the manager Gullit's proposed redevelopment, then the queue for his signature is likely to stretch the length of the Tyne.

Shearer base his uncertainty on whether Newcastle can satisfy his ambitions. He points out that, although the club have finished runners-up in the Premiership and the FA Cup during his two seasons at St James' Park, people remember only winners.

"All I have to show for 10 years as a footballer is a championship medal I won at Blackburn. I treasure it but it is not enough. In football nothing means as much as your team being No. 1 and that is what I want Newcastle to be."

If the past week can be used as a yardstick, then the odds are good: three wins and 11 goals, five of them to Shearer. But Gullit refuses to be side-tracked by the hype surrounding the striker.

He declared: "Alan played well because the team played well but it is not about just one man. I was more pleased with my defenders than my strikers against Coventry. Be-

cause we have been sloppy in that department in the past. On this occasion they were very disciplined."

Strachan must be yearning for such discipline. His season of hope is fast becoming one of

despair, and it will continue to do so until his defenders adopt a more authoritative and professional approach.

Jean-Guy Wallemme was the chief offender, presenting Newcastle with three of their goals. He did not watch his country's World Cup victory in the summer as a protest against the France manager.

Aimé Jacquet's decision not to select anybody from the champions Lens, the central defender's former club.

If he refused to watch television on that occasion, then Saturday evening's Match of the Day would have definitely been off limits. Yet it

all began so nicely for the Sky Blues as Noel Whelan — fit again after suffering head and chest injuries in a fracas at a party — headed them in front after only four minutes. That was to be the hosts' only moment of satisfaction, however, on an otherwise miserable afternoon.

Nikos Dabizas equalised, then Shearer, Gary Speed, Stephen Glass and Shearer again left Magnus Hedman in a state of shock with their finely executed goals. The beamed goalkeeper reflected: "It is the first time in my life I have conceded five goals in a match, and I am not happy."

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Match stats

	Coventry	Newcastle
Possession	51%	49%
Attempts on target	2	4
Attempts off target	5	3
Corners	10	7
Fouls	13	16
Offsides	1	2
Bookings	2	0
Sendings-off	0	0

Middlesbrough 2 Everton 2

Collins puts finger on Gazza's art

Michael Walker watches Boro lose their way and Robson lose his cool

BY refusing to say anything for once a manager was actually giving so much more than the bland and evasive half-answers they usually do.

Bryan Robson was not a happy bunny on Saturday evening. His side had just tossed away a two-goal lead in a spasm of "madcap" defending and the posse of Scottish pressmen lured to Tyneside by the prospect of Walter Smith, John Collins and Paul Gascoigne — all of whom might have an opinion on yesterday's Old Firm match — were met by Robson's furious glare when they started asking questions about Gascoigne.

"I'm not talking about Gazza," snapped Robson. "Every week I'm talking about Gazza. He's proving it on the pitch." One does not mess with Robson in this mood, and his annoyance was understandable. However, for the first time since Smith sold the tummy one to Boro in March, Gascoigne's name was top of the agenda for what he had just produced on the park.

Gascoigne still looks well short of speed and athleticism but this was his best match in a Middlesbrough jersey and, in an entertaining game of four goals and six bookings, it is a small tribute to the midfielder that most people came away talking about him — except Robson, of course.

But Collins, a man who knows Gascoigne from Glasgow, was able to give a pitch-level appreciation. "He's not quite as sharp as he was but he's still showing it in flashes" was the initial analysis. Then he thought a bit more: "But he was cheating a little bit, he was sitting back and waiting."

Collins was hardly accusing Gascoigne of law-breaking but he was offering some professional insight into where the player is in terms of fitness. Those shouting "Gascoigne for England" would do well to heed the Scotland midfielder, whose intelligence, cajoling of team-mates and superb equaliser did most to bring Everton a point.

At half-time that looked a remote possibility. Everton, singhish in midfield and defence, were two goals down and Duncan Ferguson was seeing almost nothing

of the ball. That changed with Danny Cadamarteri's introduction, his first act being to lure Steve Vickers into bringing him down just inside the area seconds into the second half. Michael Ball obliged with the penalty.

Just over a minute later Everton were level, courtesy of Collins, and Smith was naturally asked what he had said at half-time. "I didn't say a great deal. If I'd been clever I'd have said it before the game." Six matches into his English career Smith's demeanour told of some relief at the doubling of Everton's goal tally. Facing a volatile chairman would have been harder had it been otherwise.

Robson has no such problem with his chief but he was hardly carefree because of it. For the second consecutive weekend two goals from Hamilton Ri-

card appeared to have brought victory, three points that would have had Boro a point off second place. Both originated with the much derided Mikkel Beck, the first a header over the line, the second a beautiful header from a flighted cross. Nobody wanted to know about them, though.

"If the manager wants to criticise players, then he is entitled to do it," said Pressman. "If you don't pull your weight and you don't play well, then he is going to have a few words with you. At least you know where you stand and you're not drifting along game after game thinking everything's hunky-dory when deep down there are big problems."

For the Wimbledon striker Jason Euell, described as "the new Pele" by his chairman Sam Hammam and "the new Ian Wright" by his manager Joe Kinnear, the only problem might be one of identity. His brace of goals, at the beginning of either half, secured a comfortable win for the rampant Dons.

Sooner Anderson, Barcelona's Brazilian striker who started the midweek comeback at Manchester United, struck a late goal to salvage Catalan pride and earn the Spanish champions a 2-2 draw at Real Madrid.

Patrick Kluitert, the Dutch target for United in the summer, had scored for Louis van Gaal's team in the 12th minute to cancel out the first of two goals from Real's Raul, who struck after four and 25 minutes.

In France the champions Lens crashed to a 3-1 defeat at Lyon. Blackburn's Toffi Caporale, and are drifting in mid-table with only seven points after six games.

Lens, who forced a last-gasp 1-1 draw with Arsenal in the Champions League in midweek, were two down in half-time in Lyon, through the Swiss striker Marco Grassi and his attacking partner Alain Caveglia. Wagneau Eloi gave the visitors hope by pulling one back with 15 minutes to go but Lyon struck a third through their Cameroon World Cup player Joseph-Desire Job.

In Italy a resurgent Milan lead the Serie A table after their second successive win as they triumphed 2-1 at newly promoted Salernitana. The 210 million German striker Oliver Bierhoff scored his third goal of the season with a 67th-minute header and then helped Leonardo to what proved an important second six minutes from time. Roberto Breda replied for the southern hosts in the 88th minute.

Fiorentina are second after Argentina's Gabriel Batistuta also scored one goal and created another in Fiorentina's 2-1 win at Vicenza. In third place are the reigning champions Juventus, for whom Filippo Inzaghi followed his spectacular midweek Champions League goal with an eighth-minute effort that gave his team a 1-0 home win over Cagliari.

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Di Canio has a late say in rising war of words

Adam Sills

PEACE is likely to take some time to break out at Sheffield Wednesday as Paolo Di Canio, dropped from the starting line-up after describing his manager Daoudy Wilson as "immaculate", declared that he is now letting his feet do the talking and the manager should keep his criticisms to himself.

"In four and a half games I have scored three goals," the Italian said after his side faltered in the Worthington Cup defeat by Cambridge with a pounding from Wimbledon. "I think I made a point. I played badly but I scored a goal."

Di Canio's agents, Moreno and Matteo Roggi, are to hold talks with the Wednesday chairman Dave Richards and Wilson, who criticised the "Fancy Dan foreigners" element in his team following the midweek cup upset, to try to resolve the situation.

But Di Canio, who left Celtic under a cloud 13 months ago, having demanded a £6,000-a-week pay rise and became Wednesday's 24.5 million club record signing, said: "I have no idea why the manager should single me out when the whole side were awful. Maybe he is seriously worried about losing his job and feels the need to find a scapegoat."

After Saturday's defeat he added: "I don't need to speak to anybody, as I speak on the pitch with my play. Maybe they need to speak to my agents but not with me."

Having given his lacklustre team the chance of gaining an undeserved point with a calmly taken goal six minutes from time, Di Canio said: "Maybe it would have been important to score another for the game as we lost, but for myself I was very happy."

It is this attitude, which goes against the spirit of collective endeavour that Wilson

so cherishes, which has so frustrated the manager. The Wednesday goalkeeper Kevin Pressman, while insisting that the spirit in the Owls' camp is good, is inclined to agree with the boss.

"If the manager wants to criticise players, then he is entitled to do it," said Pressman. "If you don't pull your weight and you don't play well, then he is going to have a few words with you. At least you know where you stand and you're not drifting along game after game thinking everything's hunky-dory when deep down there are big problems."

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Leg up... Jason Euell, right, scorer of both goals, engages in a celebration ritual with fellow Dons

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FA Carling Premiership

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Aston Villa	6	3	0	0	6	1	2	0	1	0	6	14	
Derby	6	2	1	0	3	0	1	2	0	3	2	4	12
Liverpool	6	1	2	0	5	3	2	0	1	7	4	5	11
Wimbledon	6	2	1	0	6	3	1	1	1	4	5	2	11
Arsenal	6	2	1	0	5	1	0	3	0	1	1	4	10
Leeds	6	2	1	0	4	0	0	3	0	1	1	4	10
Middlesbrough	6	0	3	0	3	3	2	0	1	5	3	2	9
West Ham	6	1	1	1	5	5	1	2	0	1	0	1	9
Newcastle	6	1	1	1	5	4	1	1	1	6	3	4	8
Man Utd	6	2	1	0	8	3	0	1	1	0	3	2	8
Nottingham Forest	6	1	1	1	2	1	0	2	4	5	2	7	
Tottenham	6	1	0	2	2	2	7	1	1	3	4	-6	7
Sheff Wed	6	1	0	2	3	2	1	0	2	4	3	2	6
Charlton	6	1	0	1	6	2	0	3	1	4	7	1	6
Everton	6	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	4	4	-1	6	
Chelsea	4	1	2	0	3	2	0	1	1	2	0	5	
Leicester	6	1	1	1	3	2	0	1	2	5	-2	5	
Blackburn	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	6	-4	4	
Coventry	6	1	1	1	3	6	0	0	3	0	5	-8	4
Southampton	6	0	1	2	3	5	0	0	3	0	12	-14	1

Premiership

Arsenal	(12)	3	11	0	11	4	3	0	1	0	6	14		
Derby	12	4	3	0	6	3	2	0	1	1	2	4	12	
Liverpool	12	3	4	0	10	6	2	0	1	7	4	5	11	
Wimbledon	12	4	2	0	10	6	2	1	1	4	5	2	11	
Arsenal	12	4	2	0	10	5	1	0	3	0	1	4	10	
Leeds	12	4	2	0	9	0	0	3	0	1	1	4	10	
Middlesbrough	12	0	3	0	3	3	2	0	1	5	3	2	9	
West Ham	12	2	1	1	5	5	1	2	0	1	0	1	9	
Newcastle	12	2	1	1	5	4	1	1	1	6	3	4	8	
Man Utd	12	4	2	1	0	8	3	0	1	1	0	3	2	8
Nottingham Forest	12	2	1	1	2	1	0	2	4	5	2	7		
Tottenham	12	2	0	2	2	2	7	1	1	3	4	-6	7	
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Chelsea	12	3	2	0	3	2	0	1	1	2	0	5		
Leicester	12	2	1	1	3	2								

Non-league

CONFERENCE							UNIBOAM PREMIER							UNIBOAM LEAGUES PREMIER Division 1						
	P	W	D	L	F	A		P	W	D	L	F	A		P	W	D	L	F	A
Cheltenham & Gloucester	1	5	2	1	25	7	14	Workington	9	7	1	1	18	7	22	1	1	1	1	1
Cheltenham	1	5	2	1	23	9	13	Windsford Utd	9	5	2	2	19	11	17	2	1	1	1	1
Southport	1	5	3	1	1	1	20	Widnes	9	5	2	2	19	11	17	2	1	1	1	1
Worcester	1	5	3	2	1	1	20	Whitby Town	9	4	4	1	17	15	18	1	1	1	1	1
Hereford	1	5	3	2	12	19	7	Lough Milet	9	3	5	0	4	17	15	1	1	1	1	1
Baynes	1	5	3	2	14	17	7	Lincoln	9	3	5	0	4	17	15	1	1	1	1	1
Doncaster	1	5	3	2	14	17	7	Harrogate	9	3	4	2	13	14	1	1	1	1	1	1
Derby	1	5	3	2	14	17	7	Harrogate	9	3	4	2	13	14	1	1	1	1	1	1
Leeds	1	4	4	2	12	11	16	Harrogate	9	3	4	2	13	14	1	1	1	1	1	1
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Northern League

First Division

IN THE absence of his strike partner Kevin Phillips, Daniele Dichio led Sunderland to record 7-0 victory over Oxford at the Stadium of Light. The First Division produced a glut of goals this weekend with Crewe and Bolton also managing a 4-4 draw in a titanic struggle at Gresty Road.

Sunderland's thrashing of Oxford was their biggest home victory since they left Gresty Park last season and confirmed their credentials for an automatic promotion to the Premier League as they moved up to second place.

Substitute Alex Rae celebrated his return to fitness from a groin operation with two second-half goals. The England under-21 interna-

tional Michael Bridges, deputising for Phillips, weighed in with two and Michael Gray scored, his first goal in Sunderland's new home to complete the scoring.

Birmingham, who had previously only dropped two home points, lost out to Dave Smith's 50th-minute winner for Grimsby.

Bolton's push towards the top of the table was stunted by Crewe, who hit back from a 4-2 down at home to earn a share of eight goals.

Mark Rivers and Shaun Smith pulled out a point after two goals from Arnar Gunnlaugsson and one each for Bob Taylor and Per Frandsen threatened to run away with it for the visitors.

Ashley Ward made it five goals in his last three games as Barnsley drubbed Terry Venables' Crystal Palace 4-0 at Oakwell.

Within 17 minutes of the kick-off Ward had struck his double and Palace were ready down and out. Sean McClare and Jan-Age Fjortoft added second-half goals to underline the Yorkshiremeo's authority.

Bury, who began the day in third place, were held to a goalless draw by Tranmere in the Lancashire derby at Old Lane, while two David Johnson goals gave Bristol City a home win over Ipswich City.

Portsmouth enjoyed a good 3-0 away win at Port Vale with goals from John Aloisi and John Durkin.

National League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Cardiff	13	6	3	0	11	4	3	0	1	0	6	14		
Derby	13	4	3	0	6	3	2	0	1	1	2	4	12	
Liverpool	13	3	4	0	10	6	2	0	1	7	4	5	11	
Wimbledon	13	4	2	0	10	6	2	1	1	4	5	2	11	
Arsenal	13	4	2	0	10	5	1	0	3	0	1	4	10	
Leeds	13	4	2	0	9	0	0	3	0	1	1	4	10	
Middlesbrough	13	0	3	0	3	3	2	0	1	5	3	2	9	
West Ham	13	2	1	1	5	5	1	2	0	1	0	1	9	
Newcastle	13	2	1	1	5	4	1	1	1	6	3	4	8	
Man Utd	13	4	2	1	0	8	3	0	1	1	0	3	2	8
Nottingham Forest	13	2	1	1	2	1	0	2	4	5	2	7		
Tottenham	13	2	0	2	2	2	7	1	1	3	4	-6	7	
Sheff Wed	13	2	0	2	3	2	1	0	2	4	3	2	6	
Charlton	13	2	0	1	6	2	0	3	1	4	7	1	6	
Everton	13	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	4	4	-1	6		
Chelsea	13	3	2	0	3	2	0	1	1	2	0	5		
Leicester	13	2	1	1	3	2	0	1	2	5	-2	5		
Blackburn	13	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	6	-4	4		
Coventry	13	2	1	1	3	6	0	0	3	0	5	-8	4	
Southampton	13	0	1	2	3	5	0	0	3	0	12	-14	1	

Nationwide League

FIRST DIVISION								SECOND DIVISION								THIRD DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	13	6	3	0	11	4	3	Stoke	9	2	0	1	18	3	4	Derlington	9	0	2	1	12	8	20
Derby	13	4	3	0	6	3	2	Preston	9	8	2	2	11	20	10	Southport	9	8	1	2	16	13	
Liverpool	13	3	0	22	1	8	1	Bournemouth	9	5	2	2	12	6	7	Northwich	9	6	1	2	13	13	
Manchester	9	6	1	3	12	7	8	Southend	9	5	2	2	12	6	7	Crewe	9	6	1	2	13	13	
Nottingham	9	5	2	3	10	11	7	Luton	9	3	2	2	11	7	7	Accrington	9	5	2	2	13	13	
Sheff Wed	9	4	2	3	11	12	8	Walsall	9	5	2	2	11	7	7	Cardiff	9	5	2	2	13	13	
Sheff Utd	9	4	2	3	11	12	8	Millwall	9	4	2	1	11	7	7	Southend	9	5	2	2	13	13	
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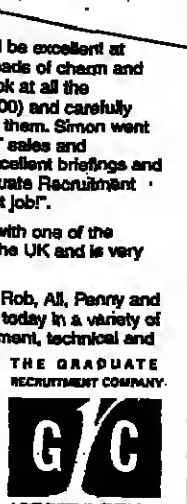
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It may be four years away but the anticipation is already building for "The People's Games", argues David Hopps

All eyes turn to Lancashire

THEY have been known as the Friendly Games since their inception, but the name remains as valid as ever, but the rebranding of Britain knows no bounds. The Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002 have also become "The People's Games." So stir yourselves because I think that means you.

International journalists invited to a publicity lunch at the Bull's Head in Manchester had cause to be a little confused by the terminology. Perhaps in four years' time ordinary folk will be allowed to get down from the stands to join in from time to time? Or perhaps no sport will be included which is deemed disagreeable to Middle England, which would explain why tennis, badminton, and high-profile in Malaysia, has been abandoned.

If Robert Hough, chief executive of Manchester's 2002 Games organising committee, had sought to adopt Blairite jargon, others had their own phrases. Manchester risks being known as The Fish and Chip Games after offering the indigenous Lancashire delicacy in temperatures so stifling that most guests, rather usefully, were sweating pure vinegar.

At least the F&C's came wrapped in the Manchester Evening News, and not The Sun, which seems to indicate that Rupert Murdoch has not yet bought out all the sport in the city.

It is left to Manchester to prove that Britain remains capable of the ambitious planning required for such major international events, and at least they can claim their first silver medal four years early.

Kit the Kool Kat (Malaysian papers sadly corrected the spelling) finished second in the inaugural Commonwealth

Games mascot race on Saturday completing 100m in just under a minute.

In the Cool Nineties, Manchester would like you to recognise this Kit, part-cat, part-lion, is not just a mascot. Kit is "a streetwise, sport and culture loving anti-hero." He is "very Mancunian: not a style guru, but is conscious of what he wears, a bit of an alley-cat, but only in a most endearing way."

Kit is also a "People Ambassador" which sounds like some kind of space wagon, and which could be immensely useful when the official transport fails to show.

The centrepiece of the Manchester Games will be a £200m stadium, seating 50,000, at Eastlands, which is envisaged will help to revitalise a decaying inner-city area. The stadium is likely to become the future home of Manchester City and, if the visually stunning artist's impression is to be believed, where it resembles a futuristic light bulb, it might be more exciting to watch the stadium than the team.

Lottery provision has totalled £112m, with another £22m earmarked for a double-decker swimming stadium. Existing facilities, including the Mynex Centre and the velodrome, will also be used.

Total expenditure on facilities in Manchester is expected to be less than half the £300m spent by Malaysia.

Manchester will restore table tennis, judo and wrestling to the 2002 Games, and are set to confirm the inclusion of the team sports that have proved so popular in Kuala Lumpur: hockey, rugby, tennis and cricket will be incorporated, with cricket likely to be a traditional one-day format of 50 overs. They deserve every ounce of luck going.



The English men's hockey team celebrate victory over India to clinch the bronze medal

Australia deny English ambition

Hockey

England came so close to winning two silvers in the first ever Commonwealth Games hockey tournament, but they had to content with silver and bronze.

The women's team, having eased past India with a 2-0 victory in their semi-final, were outclassed by the outstanding Australian team in the final.

They were beaten 8-1. On the other side of the medal, England, who had been the Dutch in 1981, has an England side lost by a seven goal margin.

Australia, the pre-tournament favourites, duly won both titles but England gave their men a close call in their semi-final on Saturday. England led twice late in the game, after corner goals by Jon Wyatt and Russell Garcia, but could not hold on and then lost by a golden goal. It was hardly a worthy winning goal - Michael Brennan mis-hit his

shot. David Luckes in the England goal had it covered but it caught Brett Garrard's stick and deflected past him and into goal.

England had to pick themselves up yesterday and play India for the bronze medals. They looked to be in trouble with India deserving a 1-0 lead at half-time through a rasping shot by Baljit Singh Dhillon, but England came back splendidly in the second half. Guy Foucham scored the equaliser midway through the half with a spectacular rising cross-shot, his first England goal.

This time sudden death extra time failed to produce a golden goal and the match went to penalties. David Luckes saved two of India's attempts and England converted all of theirs to take the shoot-out 4-2. It was only the second time that India had lost a penalty competition.

Jane Smith and Tina Cullen scored the goals for England's

women against India on Saturday. Smith produced one of her best corner shots to put England ahead after only four minutes and Tina Cullen, England's best forward, steered in a finely judged pass from Smith to seal victory in the 48th minute.

England's women found Australia an altogether different proposition in their final. They are not only quality hockey players but a team of athletes. Playing two days running in the sapping conditions here did not seem to vex them at all. England did well to hold them for the first quarter of the game but then Alyson Annan split the England defence for Katrina Powell to score and the goals followed thick and fast.

England were six down before Mel Clewlow thumped in a corner for their consolation goal. Australia had seven different scorers.

Patrick Rowley

Putting your heart into sport could be a risky business

FAIR GAME

Julie Welch

GOING to the gym three times a week is the standard form of penance for anyone who has put on weight over the summer break. It marks you out as a sporty, health-conscious person, reasonably caring about your appearance but not too proud to look a complete prat in skin-tight Lycra shorts. Take up any other form of exercise and you begin to make statements about yourself.

For instance, it's usually true to say of people who go out jogging in their lunch break that they are relaxed, unstuffy types who appreciate the simplicity and freedom of running and are too mean to pay membership fees for a gym.

Running can also be a great way for stressed-out, caffeine-addicted, Type A personalities to shrug off the pressures and tensions of their jobs and reduce the risk of heart attack; unfortunately they are so busy and overworked they can only fit the running in by setting their alarms for 5.40 every morning and jump-starting their systems with several litres of black coffee in order to complete for marking. If you are really keen you will have off all your body hair like the professionals and have to go to work looking like a giant conger eel garnished with little bits of Kleenex where you can't yourself.

Most people who take up a sport as an adult harbours deep delusions about being selected to run the marathon for Great Britain

in the Sydney Olympics, as well as smelly feet and absolutely disgusting toenails. You may also find that people often mistake you for John the Baptist since you have no time for shaving.

Many people hope to save time and money by installing an exercise bike or treadmill in an upstairs bedroom. The latest machines are designed to simulate the real thing as accurately as possible; some bikes allow you to experience the sensation of pedalling up mountains and free-wheeling downhill, not to mention getting banged up in a French jail on suspicion of taking drugs.

As a general rule, the more expensive and up to date the equipment is, the less likely you are to use it. With all the benefits of computer technology to show speed/weight ratio, split times and threshold pace, a treadmill is now so complicated that after standing on it scratching your head for half an hour you realise it is time to change into your work clothes and catch the 7.22 to Victoria.

Doing swimming says several things about you; one is that you are Australian and another is that you have no idea how ridiculous you look in a plastic cap and goggles. It also helps to keep in mind that if you swim in your lunch hour and you are the forgetful type your briefcase probably contains a wet towel and trunks which even now is seeping into your specially typed-up presentation of the pile of exercise books containing Year Eight's English essays that you were taking home for marking. If you are really keen you will have off all your body hair like the professionals and have to go to work looking like a giant conger eel garnished with little bits of Kleenex where you can't yourself.

Most people who take up a sport as an adult harbours deep delusions about being selected to run the marathon for Great Britain

bear in mind that in every pot-bellied electrician with last night's party on his breath is a man who takes being turned down by Crystal Palace at the age of 17 as incontrovertible evidence that he is the next Ian Wright or Les Ferdinand and is about to be launched on a Premiership career at the age of 42.

In swimming, on the other hand, you are past it if you haven't won half a dozen gold medals before you reach the age of consent; these days most swimming champions are barely out of water wings. Which is why if you turn up at your leisure centre in your 10-year-old British Home Stores trunks you'd be surprised if they issued an immediate invitation to join the England squad. But the really big problem with swimming is that you can't stop as soon as you get tired or bored. If things go pear-shaped halfway through a run or football game all you have to do is turn round and wander home but if you do that in a swimming pool you drown.

Being a world-class runner or swimmer requires not just hard work and talent but also money. Commonwealth Games medals don't come cheaply and even with sponsorship and Sports Council help many of our athletes are permanently broke after having to stump up for gym membership, coaching, kit, physiotherapy and blister plasters.

Interestingly, most people who take up jogging and swimming to get fit find they work equally hard and spend exactly the same amount of money; instead of a gold medal or a place in the TV studio next to Linford Christie and Roger Black all they have to look forward to are bad knees and a lifetime's supply of corns or hair that permanently smells of chlorine.

Malaysian men prove hard to beat

Badminton

THE comforting theory prevalent in English badminton only a week ago was that the Malaysians were about to crumble under the twin pressures of fervent home expectations and ceaseless political infighting. The reality has proved rather different.

Just as England's men failed to upset Malaysia in the team competition, so Darren Hall, their last singles representative, had to settle for bronze as he was swamped 15-7, 15-1 in yesterday's semi-final by the extraordinary talent of Yung Hock Kin, a man whose coach, Morten Frost, believes is capable of becoming the best in the world.

The women have fared considerably better. Joanne Goode collected her third gold of the Games when she partnered Donna Kellogg in

a 15-8, 15-6 doubles victory over the Malaysian finalists, Choe Hooi Yee and Lim Pek Shih. Kelly Morgan won Wales' first-ever badminton medal, a gold, when she beat India's Aparna Popat in the women's singles final.

But there can have been little in these Games to eclipse the two men's semi-finals. With a rider and present in both ties, they were quickly - or cunningly - scheduled simultaneously. As the cheers of an uproarious crowd bombarded first one court and then the next, the Malaysians were inspired. Yung raced 7-0 ahead against Hall while, only five yards away, Wong Choon Haan led 3-0 against the Indian Gopi Chand. In the main stand of the Cheras Stadium the crowd's official cheerleader, Mr Chee, a stout man in a Malaysian chef's hat, was beside himself.

Both Malaysians met occasional traffic-light resistance, with Chand's improvement in the second game, as he fell 15-1, 15-11, aided by Wong's loss of concentration. Hall had fought valiantly to recover to 8-7 down in the first game but, at 32, he is not quite the force he was and it was a bit of a surprise as he responded with less than footwork, deft touches and irretrievable slams.

"Yung hasn't even shown his greatest strength yet - his wonderful attacking speed," Frost said. "He is playing very safely to avoid the risk of injury." After the criticism of the Malaysian crowd-pleaser, Ong Ewe Hook, for injuring a hamstring in the team event, his caution is understandable.

Kelly Morgan's gold medal was a surprise. She was a year in Denmark to study

Europe's best and her commitment was rewarded when she overcame the Indian, Popat, 13-10, 11-5.

Malaysia's domination in the men's events has come despite the escalation of a dispute involving one of their leading clubs, the perpetually rebellious Nasa Mahruq. Two Nasa players, a rider and Goode, who comfortably beat Nathan Robertson and Joanne Davies. With three English pairings gathered for the medal presentation (Hunt and Kellogg took bronze), and the King of Malaysia in attendance, it was announced after a series of scratching sounds that the national anthem could not be played due to a malfunction.

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Robertson, and Chris Hunt and Simon Archer in the ladies semi-finals, although the Robertson duo emerged with great credit in stretching Cheah Soon Kit and Yap Kim Hock, the former world number ones, to a third game.

In the all-English mixed doubles final, there was a close contest between Nathan Robertson and Joanne Davies. With three English pairings gathered for the medal presentation (Hunt and Kellogg took bronze), and the King of Malaysia in attendance, it was announced after a series of scratching sounds that the national anthem could not be played due to a malfunction.

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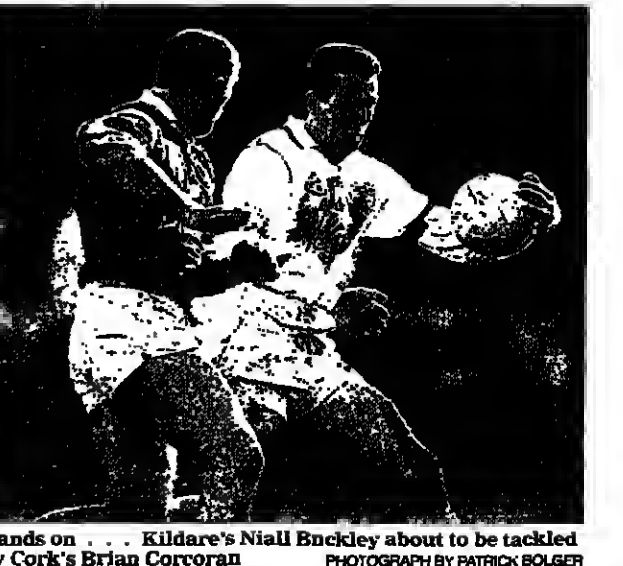
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After 70-year wait Kildare keeps its eye on the ball

CENTRE STAGE

Pete Nichols

COUNTY KILDARE is the home of The Curragh, Fairyhouse, Punchestown, Naas and the town centre. You could say they like their horses there. In Kildare Town, the busiest week of the year is Irish Derby week, when the small town (around 5,000 folk) celebrates its Festival, too. If you were up for the cric, then the last week in June is usually when you go to Kildare.



Hands on... Kildare's Niall Buckley about to be tackled by Cork's Brian Corcoran

This year, it's different. They still held the Festival, still raced at The Curragh and the town centre, but nobody's talking horses any more. Next Sunday at Croke Park, Kildare play Galway in the All-Ireland Gaelic Football Final. Kildare has not won the title for 70 years and next time it's for 82. If Kildare win next Sunday, the party will probably last till next year's Kildare Festival. If they lose, the wake could be just as long.

On Sunday the big screen will go up at The Curragh Racecourse, just three miles out of town, where 20,000 are expected. Nobody expects to get tickets for the game. "I had a friend pay £500 for a seat," said Joe Flanagan, who owns the Silken Thomas. Croke Park will hold just 66,000; you could double it and there would still be a black market.

Kildare emigres are arriving in strength. Carroll has two relations coming in from Australia. His uncle, who has not been in Ireland for 10 years is flying in from the United States. His wife's uncle came for the semi-final and has put off returning for three more weeks to take in the final, too.

After Sunday's match, the Kildare team will stay in Dublin for the official reception, and on Monday they tour the county Naas. O'Dwyer coached Kerry to eight All-Ireland titles, before he took the ride north. It is his sixth year with Kildare - his son Karl also plays with the team - and the coach will be canonised by his second club if he wins again.

Kildare football team are the Lillywhites and Kildare Town is dishing it out. "There is a little problem called Galway," said Flanagan. "Excuse me if I don't relate to them, but we do know they are there." Yet nobody expects the Sam

McGuire Cup not to come home. It was Kildare who won it first, when the trophy was offered to the winners of the 1828 tournament. They haven't won since, but St Brigid's Cathedral, in Kildare Town, has been rebuilt 26 times so you could say that persistence is a local virtue.

History offers a couple more persuasive coincidences. When Kildare last won the title, the team was captained by Squire Gannan, a Kildare Town man. The captain on Sunday is Glen Ryan, local secondary school teacher. And when Kildare last met Galway in a final, it was Kildare who came away with a win. There are few alive in Kildare who would remember that victory, which came just three months after the Treaty of Versailles in 1919, but Kildare won and in the psychological battle everything counts.

Should they do it, and Niall Buckley they have one of the finest footballers around, then *Chill Dara Abú* will ring through the town. One Kildare politician, who did not wish to be named, reckoned there would be a few in his business "who might lose the key to the door on Monday" as the party, which could be 40,000 strong, rolls on and on.

On the Midtown Road in Kildare is Father Moore's Well, a site of religious devotion. The well is also reputed to have a cure for headaches. There will be more visitors than usual next week.



Splashing out... 13-year-old Canadian diver Alexandre Despatie, who won gold yesterday in the men's platform event with a score of 632.110. The Malaysian judge awarded him a perfect 10.00 for one dive

Australians fall out over drug test

Australia have sent home one of its cycling team after a dispute with team management. Lucy Tyler-Sharman, the 3,000 metres pursuit world champion, had refused to take part in a controversial state-funded experiment into the use of colostrum, a natural post-natal milk-enhancing substance.

Colostrum is a liquid which nursing mothers produce to stimulate the child's immune production. In a study by Adelaide University, cyclists on the Australian national team have been administered with daily colostrum since the beginning of the year. Early results suggest that, by taking colostrum, cyclists have been less susceptible to illness.

Tyler-Sharman, however, has refused to take part in the experiment, citing concern over the possibility that use of the drug may cause breast cancer.

Tyler-Sharman's individual approach to training and equalled Australia's chief cycling coach, Charlie Walsh, especially since the coach had indicated that riders who did not agree to the colostrum programme would jeopardise their place on the team.

So when Tyler-Sharman failed to qualify for the individual pursuit final at the Commonwealth Games, and accused Walsh of sabotaging her podium, she was sent home.

South Africa beat favourites Australia to clinch the inaugural cricket gold medal by four wickets. It was a day of contrasting emotions for the two teams. Australia captain Steve Waugh was visibly upset after his unbeaten stand of 90, which saw him carry his bat through the entire tournament.

South Africa's captain

Shaun Pollock was in celebratory mood, his decision to field a team of 11 players, which dismissed the top three Australian batsmen for eight runs in his first five overs, finishing with figures of four for 19. He came very close to securing the winning runs too, before losing his wicket with the scores level.

Despite Waugh's performance, the Australian score of 188 from 49.3 overs never looked enough. Without a large total to defend they were forced to attack the South African openers, but the match was all but over after a quickfire opening stand of 72 between Andrew Hudson (36) and Mike Rindel, who top-scored with 87 before falling to a superb reflex catch by Mark Waugh.

England's Michael Gault won his fourth shooting gold medal in the men's air pistol contest. The Sheffield-born civil servant took the title with

a Commonwealth record of 679 points. He had already won a silver medal in the 10m air pistol and with Nick Baxter in the men's pairs free pistol and men's pairs air pistol.

Meanwhile, Pakistani marksman Rustam Khan was ordered to return to the Commonwealth Games doping control centre in Kuala Lumpur after failing a drug test. Khan, who was eighth in the men's pairs centre rifle contest earlier this week, was ordered to witness the second test.

England's Tommy Yula completed a hat-trick of weightlifting silver medals by winning the 105kg snatch class yesterday. Yula, a 22-year-old Oxford university student, also came second in the 105kg clean and jerk, and second overall. England's Giles Greenwood picked up a silver medal in the over-105kg class.

Steven Downes

est ring contest of all time" and more than 20 years later when he wrote his autobiography. Wilson was still enthusiastic. "After it, I never expected to see a better fight and, so far, I never have." Basilio won on a split decision over the 15 rounds.

The return was in Chicago the following March. Again, it went the full 15. Wilson had written of Basilio's "frenzied pulsed eyes, like frozen oysters, and [they were] distrustful as if someone would cheap-shot him if he did not stay alert - and if their first bout was the greatest I ever saw, the second was the dirtiest I ever watched, both men

using the rabbit punch as though equipped with guillotine blades instead of boxing gloves."

In the sixth, Robinson slashed open one of those Basilio eyebrows, and the immediate and bideous swelling made the new champion totally blind in his left, leading eye. In the classic memoir *In This Corner Basilio* recalls: "He kept throwing the right uppercut. He never quit. Each time, I'd both down and catch it with my right hand and counter with a left hook because he was wide open for it. In the sixth he tried it four times. I saw the next one coming okay, but I

missed it with my hand and it hit me flush across the eye-brow and broke the blood vessels. My eye shut. I was to fight the next nine rounds with one eye.

At the end of that sixth round, Basilio's cornerman Angelo Dundee made to signal to the referee to stop the fight. "That's it, finish, I've never seen an eye so ugly in all my life," he told his fighter. Replied Basilio: "You stop it, I'll knock you out, I'll kill you." At the end of 16, the referee scored it for Basilio, the two judges for Robinson, champion once again.

"I walked to the dressing-room," recalled Basilio, "they

had to carry him." Robinson concurred: "I was beat. But not beaten. For the first time in my career, I was too exhausted even to stand and salute all the cheers for my triumph."

They never fought each other again. Probably with prudence, Robinson demanded a then outrageous \$750,000 for a third fight, far too much, which meant the challenger Basilio getting only \$250,000, much too little.

They each fought and lost, their last championship fight in 1961 - Robinson out-pointed by Gene Fullmer in Las Vegas, and Basilio ditto by Paul Pender in Boston. In

retirement, both were admired throughout the United States for their work with deprived youth. Sugar Ray in California and Basilio in Syracuse where, in his newly founded gym of Canastota, where he had once picked onions, was built the impressive Boxing Hall of Fame.

Basilio is still a regular visitor to a shrine in a corner there which deservedly honours him. They say he wines, grins ruefully - and certainly blinks a few times - when he passes the pantheon alongside which is dedicated to boxing's immortal Sugar Ray.

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Dickie not so retiring when it comes to a book plug

**SCREEN
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HIGH on the list of things we're not terribly short of right now, is an interview with Dickie Bird. The ubiquitous umpire, whose retirement is becoming more drawn out than a vintage private Ryan, was Steve Rider's guest on Grandstand's last cricket focus of the season. As luck would have it the paperback edition of Bird's best-selling autobiography is currently available in all good bookshops.

Three hundred and sixty thousand copies of the book have already been sold, but there may be just a chance a cricket fan somewhere is not aware of the volume, and this, I suspect, was the reason behind Bird's appearance. So

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assiduous is this man's book-plugger he makes Edwina Cartwright look like Thomas Pynchon.

Not that I would suggest the good-hearted Bird himself is so calculating as to tie in his public appearances to book sales. He genuinely seems to enjoy talking to people about cricket. But his publishers, having had the good fortune to find an author willing to go anywhere and talk to anyone about his book, seem determined to give us more Bird than can possibly be good for us.

I admit I am a slightly more voracious consumer of the media than most, but have heard at least a dozen times Bird's story about the cricket he gave run-out in a disputed call, who later congratulated him on the decision. I know the Chappells have him over for dinner when he's in Australia, and I know his views on electronic aids for umpires.

Bird appeared delighted to be going over all this ground again on Saturday, beaming benignly and calling Rider by his first name at every possible opportunity. "I love the views on electronic aids for umpires. Steve, that's what it's all about." "If you get satisfaction, Steve, you've done your job well."

The secret of Bird's success was clear. "I've done nothing else," he told Rider. "I'm married to the cricket. I answer every letter and tries to sign every autograph he is asked

for, so if you have one of the rare unsigned copies of Bird's book, I should hold on to it. Bird's appearance on Grandstand was heralded by a montage of his famous hand signals cut to the so-long, farewell, *cut wicket* music from the Sound of Music. The sequence confirmed me in my view that Bird's gestures were always unnecessarily theatrical. I don't like my officials too visible—the football referee Clive Thomas used to irritate me beyond measure—but I hesitate to criticise Bird, given the prevailing view of him as an all-round good egg.

It was comforting, therefore, to find I am not alone. Roy and EG, an Australian comedy act who host a bizarre but very likeable new late-night talk show on Channel 5, suggested to their guest Alec Stewart that Dickie Bird should have retired 20 years ago. "I was glad to see the back of him," said Roy (or it might have been EG), "waving his bloody hands about all over the place. What's the point of that?" Stewart, as befits an England captain, stuck to the establishment view. "I love Dickie," he said.

They also asked him why he bothered keeping wicket. "Why not just doze off in the sleep like most captains do?" asked EG (or possibly Roy). I hope there are more sporting guests in Roy and EG's Planet Norwich. The Aussies' irreverence might give our sports stars — especially our over-hyped football players — a sense of proportion, and might cause them to think twice before rushing into print.

Besides, any show that makes a virtue of coming from Norwich, after what Nicholas Parsons and Alan Partridge have done to the city's reputation for quality entertainment, has its heart in the right place.

I have always thought of Gerald Sinstadt, rightly or wrongly, as something of a Partridge-esque figure, so you knew Match of the Day was in trouble this week when Sinstadt was commenting on the main match.

What happened was that Motson and Champ on had been dispatched to Leeds and Nottingham Forest for what turned out to be fairly banal goalless draws. This can happen when producers start believing their network's own bombast about the Premiership League.

The post-match interviews did throw up an interesting new example of manager-speak, though. Both John Gregory and Harry Redknapp expressed themselves satisfied with their goalless results because "this is a very tough game to come and get anything".

Listen out for this phrase. You will hear it applied to anywhere — Oxford, Northampton, Chipping Sodbury — where a team has performed disappointingly.

My other current favourite example of manager-speak is "We just want to sleep away a couple of silly goals." This, you should note, is how goals always occur. They never happen because the manager has given his team the wrong instructions or taken to the field with inferior players.

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Finishing flourish gains silver



Leicestershire celebrate the championship-clinching seventh point, when Ian Salisbury fell low to Vince Wells and, right, with team coach Jack Birkenshaw. PHOTOGRAPHS: TOM JENKINS

Mike Solvay

AT THE end of the 1994 season, after Leicestershire had finished second in the county championship, they were damned with faint praise, their position, it was said, more a reflection on the standards of the competition than on their own capabilities.

Now, four years on, they are champions for the second time in three years and worthily so, a team capable of losing only twice in 50 championship matches. This time they have set the standard that others have to match in the manner of Middlesex, Essex, Warwickshire and Nottinghamshire, the great championship-winning teams of the past two decades.

The shame is that their triumph will go largely unrecognized in their home county. Had this been the City bringing home a trophy or the Tigers, they would have been feted. But the enthusiasm for the cricket team in Leicestershire is abysmal and the players deserve better. To celebrate, perhaps the club could hire an open-top bus and drive the supporters past the players' houses. Better make it a single-decker on reflection.

They are a side that have been slow but steady in coming to the top of the heap. The groundwork was done under the stewardship of Nigel Eblers as captain and Ken Higgs as coach: good, honest, puritan cricketers who instilled discipline and a fighting spirit. The likes of Alan Mullally, David Mills and Paul Nixon to the club.

Then came James Whitaker, a captain of authority who introduced the team huddle — mocked at first and now imitated — and Jack Birtenshaw as coach, another who understands the needs of hard work but, further, has a grasp of

Under his guidance, careers that might never have got off the ground, have been moulded: Vince Wells, for ex-

ample, who made negligible impact at Kent but has been transformed at Grace Road arguably into the country's leading all-rounder; or Aftab Habib, unwanted by Middlesex, whose fine batting helped kill off Surrey in the crucial last game. Only in the spin department are they weak and that is offset by the pitches that have

The side came to The Oval for their final match believing they had to win rather than draw in order to secure the title once more. That they did so in such resounding fashion reflects as well on their resilience and determination as it does on Surrey's inability to handle the occasion.

Leicestershire were irresistible, Surrey a shambles, lacking fight or determination. Clearly they had placed too

Final table

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Lewis, inserting the knife between the ribs of his former team-mates, were a case of kicking someone when they were down.

Even so, Surrey must have believed that on an easy-paced pitch, they must have been in a position to make life uncomfortable for Leicestershire, even to the extent of denying them crucial bonus points in a realistic, if remote, attempt to force their hand.

That went out of the window in 40 minutes of hostile new-ball bowling on Friday evening from Mullally and Mills that sent back three batsmen without a run on the board and a fourth before the score had reached double figures.

It was then never in doubt that the title was Leicestershire's, merely a question of when the moment would come. The answer came before mid-day on Saturday when Salisbury was given out leg-before-wicket to Wells to give them their third bowling point.

Quick Crossword No. 8858

Across

- 1 Fruit — fit for a Queen? (8,4)
- 9 Fibre used for caulking seams (5)
- 10 Wise King of Israel (7)
- 11 Greet enthusiastically (4)
- 12 Prison — national park in SW England (8)
- 14 With sleeves up to the collar (5)
- 15 Occurring in the mind only (5)
- 18 Put too much weight on (8)
- 20 Sicilian volcano (4)
- 22 US state, capital Atlanta (7)
- 23 Divide into two (5)
- 24 Way of heating a room (8,4)

Down

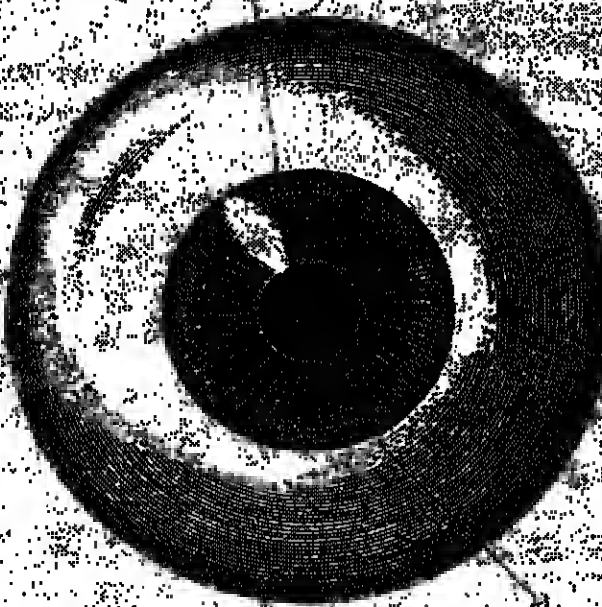
- 2 Slight intimation (7)
- 3 Burial place (4)
- 4 Rogue (6)
- 5 In a confused state (3,2,3)
- 6 Prison — West Indian dance (5)

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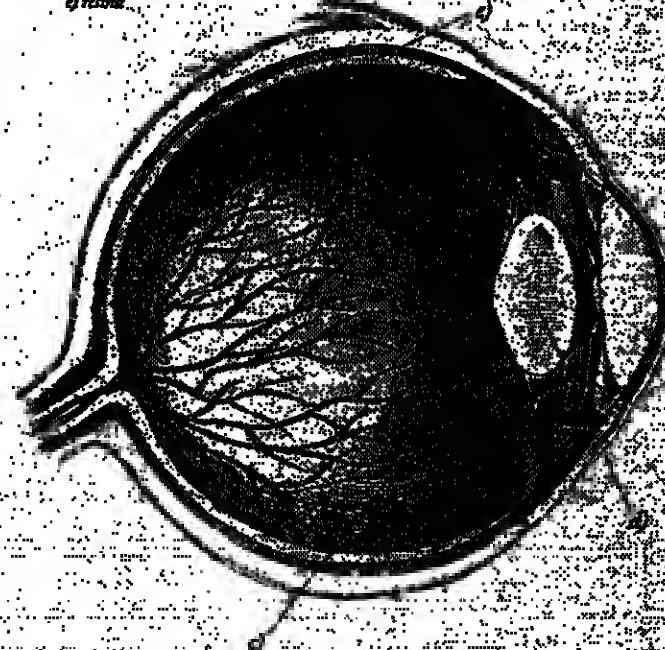
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